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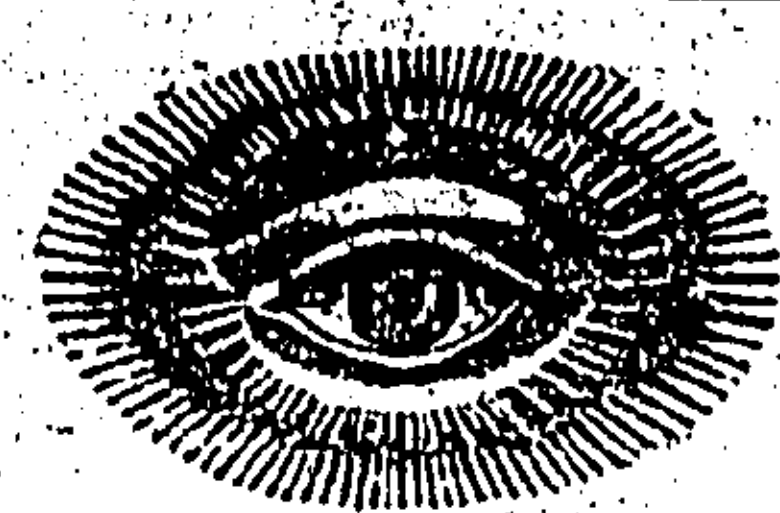
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FENG'S NEW JOB.

Appointed Commander of Hankow Army.

PLANS TO ATTACK "REDS."

How Gen. Chiang Directed Capture of Hsuehchowfu.

OBJECT OF MR. MACMURRAY'S MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES.

Although news of any actual fighting is lacking, preparations proceed apace for attacks on many fronts.

The ex-Christian General, Feng Yu-hsiang, has definitely joined the Hankow faction as Commander-in-Chief, and has declared himself as anti-Communist.

It is now confirmed that General Chiang Kai-shek personally directed the taking of Hsuehchowfu.

A sensation has been caused at Shanghai by the Chinese postal authorities refusing to accept for mailing copies of the "North China Daily News" owing, it is said, to the paper's publication of false war news.

SHANGHAI JOURNAL'S "WAR NEWS."

Shanghai, this morning. General Chiang Kai-shek directed the capture of Hsuehchowfu from Pong-fau.—Hong Kong Evening Post.

Hankow Appointments. Hankow, yesterday. There is no change in the attitude of the Hankow party. Wang Ching-wai and Feng Yu-hsiang are still in favour and a general dislike of General Chiang Kai-shek permeates the camp. Wang is to be made chief of political affairs whilst Feng is to take charge of the army.

The party has telegraphed to Nanking and Shanghai stating that they are opposed to the Communists.—Hong Kong Evening Post.

Tenseness at Hankow. Hankow, yesterday. There is no improvement in the financial situation here. If anything, conditions are worse. A tense atmosphere prevails in the native city.—British Naval Wireless.

Kiukiang Situation. Kiukiang, yesterday. There is a feeling of uncertainty in the city. Shops are closing. Necessary steps are being taken for the protection of American citizens in the absence of any U.S. naval vessels in the locality. A local report has it that Gen. Hsia Tao-yin is approaching here. Troops arrived from up-river yesterday.—British Naval Wireless.

Troops at Wuhu. Wuhu, yesterday. More troops from down river arrived yesterday.

Nanking, yesterday. It is reported that General Chiang Kai-shek personally directed the attack against Hsuehchowfu.—British Naval Wireless.

General Hoying Chin. Chinkiang, yesterday. It is rumoured that General Hoying Chin has gone over to the other side and that his troops are returning from the north. Some have gone to Shanghai.

Anti-British propaganda is being circulated here and at Yachow.—British Naval Wireless.

Money Wanted. Nanking, yesterday. Liu Chih-wen, the Mayor of Nanking, has petitioned the Nationalist Government to appropriate an annual sum of \$18,000,000 for the construction of the new Capital.—Kuo Men.

Aid for Refugees. Tokyo, July 30. The Government has finally decided to appropriate Yen 1,600,000 out of the surplus funds for the relief of the Japanese refugees from the Yangtze Valley. In this connection it is said that, of the total amount, Yen 250,000 will be appropriated for the relief of the sufferers, and the remainder will be advanced as expenses for restoration of business in the Yangtze.—Toho.

Consular Jurisdiction. Shanghai, Tuesday. The local committee to work for the "Abolition of British Consular Jurisdiction," yesterday sent out the following circular notice to people in various walks of life, says the "Sinwampao":

"We beg to state that the other day this Committee sent delegates Li Tse-an and Li Ching-shing to Nanking to appeal to the Central authorities for the abolition of British Consular Jurisdiction.

The delegates have already returned to Shanghai.

"We have now decided to hold a general meeting at 9 a.m. on July 31, when the delegates will report on the results of their visit to Nanking. Future activities of this Committee will also be discussed.

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Feng Family in Russia. Moscow, yesterday. The official agency denies that any of General Feng Yu-hsiang's relatives have been detained at Moscow and says that some recently went home while others are studying at the University of their own freewill.—Reuter.

Mr. MacMurray's Mission. Washington, yesterday. With reference to the announcement that Mr. MacMurray, United States Minister to China, has been summoned home from Peking by Mr. Kellogg, it is learned that no special question as for instance

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MASTER FINED.

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS BREACH.

ARRIVAL FROM BANGKOK.

Having failed previously to appear at the Marine Court for alleged infringements of quarantine restrictions, the master of the Norwegian s.s. "Hiram" appeared before Lieut. Comdr. G.F. Hole R.N. this morning having been issued and his arrest effected on the ship's return to port.

The charges against the master of the ship, Captain S. Eliassen, were alleged failure to fly the yellow quarantine flag on entering the harbour on July 7, and with failing to proceed to the quarantine anchorage, the port of origin of the ship having been Bangkok, an infected port.

Defendant pleaded "not guilty."

Medical Evidence. Dr. Tsai Tin-ming, assistant port health officer, said that he boarded the ship at 3 p.m. on July 7 as it lay at buoy off West Point. The master not being on board, he applied to the Chief Officer for the Health Officer's report. The Chief Officer being busy, witness was referred to the 2nd Officer who filled in the health officer's report. From this report, continued witness, he noticed that the ship came from Bangkok and asked the 2nd Officer why they had not proceeded to quarantine anchorage. The 2nd Officer replied that he did not know.

Quarantine restrictions had been imposed against Bangkok, added witness, since April 6.

The master of the s.s. "Hiram" gave evidence on oath and stated that the last port of call of the ship was the date of her arrival in question had been Swatow. They had left Bangkok on June 25. Witness was unaware that quarantine restrictions had been imposed against Bangkok and, in any event, contended that having stayed for some days at Swatow he was exempt and that he was free to take the ship to the usual anchorage at West Point.

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ANOTHER PIRACY.

Junk Raided in Chinese Waters.

HELD FOR RANSOM.

Crew Spends 12 Days in Pirates' Company.

Arriving in the harbour yesterday, the master of trading junk No. T3148 made a report to the police of a piracy in Chinese waters on June 19 last. On that day the junk with a crew including seven men, three women and six children was on a voyage to Hong Kong without any cargo, when passing Hauhoi in Chinese territory, a small boat came alongside from the direction of the shore. The three men on board the boat asked the junk master to take them as passengers to Hong Kong. Recognising one of the men as a passenger on his junk some three weeks previously, the junk master agreed.

About 10 a.m., half an hour after the passengers were taken on board, when the junk was again under way, two of the passengers went aft and there held up the junk master and the steersman at the point of revolvers. Simultaneously another boat came alongside the junk, and seven more men climbed on board. All the junk people with the exception of two foks were driven into the hold where they were made prisoners until July 31.

Writing For Ransom. Two days after the pirates took charge of the junk she put into Tungku Island, off Deep Bay, and there the pirate chief told the junk master to write to his cousin in Macao to raise \$600 for his ransom. The junk master pretended that he could not write, whereupon one of the pirates wrote a letter for him. After the letter was despatched, the junk again put out to sea where it remained about for 42 days sailing during the day time and anchoring at night.

On July 31 the pirate chief told the junk master that he was at liberty to return to Hong Kong as the ransom money had been paid from Macao. When the junk master went on deck he found that the junk was again anchored off Tungku Island.

Loot Worth \$1,385. The pirates rowed away in a dinghy which they stole from the junk, going in the general direction of Lintin, in Chinese waters. The two junk foks who were not imprisoned in the hold with the others went away with the pirates, showing that they had been in league with the outlaws.

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"WHEN I AM KING."

Prince's Pronouncement At Ottawa.

IDEALS OF ROYALTY.

Man-to-Man Intercourse In Imperial Affairs.

Rugby, yesterday. The Prince of Wales, speaking at a dinner given by the Canadian Government at Ottawa last night, made what is probably his first public reference to his future accession to the Throne.

He remarked that it was the confederation of Canada 60 years

ago which marked "if not the first at least a clear step on the road to the conception and attainment of a group of autonomous communities within the British Empire equal in status and marked by common allegiance to the Crown."

The Prince continued: "To me in particular, as the King's first son, the conception has special importance, and in whatever part of

the Empire I may be I have always to keep it in mind. If some day it should fall to my lot to assume that high responsibility, I trust I may be found worthy of it. At least I may say that I lose no opportunity of keeping always fresh those contacts with all parts of the British Empire which I have been fortunate to make in the past ten years."

The Prince emphasised the importance of personal man-to-man intercourse in imperial affairs for, he said, he knew the value to himself of his personal visits overseas and of his meetings with visitors from overseas in London.

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FIRE SEQUEL.

Kerosine In Typhoon Shelter.

MAGISTRATE'S WARNING.

Hundreds of Lives Endangered By Junk Mistress.

There was a sequel at the Marine Court this morning to the fire on board a junk in the Typhoon shelter last Saturday when a cargo of kerosine caught fire and the junk was burnt to the water's edge.

The mistress of the cargo junk (367V) in question, was charged before Lieut. Comdr. Hole (Harbour Master) with allowing her cargo boat to be elsewhere than in the dangerous goods anchorage, viz. in the shelter off the Sam Yick coalyard, Mongkok whilst having dangerous goods—196 tins of kerosine—aboard.

The defendant pleaded guilty and said that her junk had drifted away from the dangerous goods anchorage.

The Magistrate commented that this was "ridiculous," as the junk was actually inside the shelter. "I don't know what to do with people like you," added His Worship. "You take your junk into a crowded anchorage with kerosine on board, right into the middle of all the other craft. You have a fire on board in which your junk is burnt to the water's edge and which deprives you of your source of livelihood."

Severe Penalties. "By committing this offence, you are endangering hundreds of lives and had anyone outside those on your own junk met their death through your action you would lay yourself open to a charge of manslaughter. The penalty for your offence is \$250 for each day of continuation of the offence. The only fit and proper punishment, I consider, for this offence is imprisonment. Unfortunately, by law, I have to impose a fine."

"It is no good me fining you heavily, because I know you couldn't pay it. Having regard to the fact that you have lost your all, I will impose a nominal fine. You will be fined \$20 or, in default, three weeks' hard labour, but in doing so I wish to point out publicly that if any other such offence is proved before me in which the lives of others are endangered, I will impose a fine so heavy that those committing the offence will not be able to pay it and will have to go to prison."

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COMPROMISE?

Attempts to Save Naval Conference.

JAPAN SUGGESTS "HOLIDAY."

British Cabinet Sends Instructions To Geneva.

AGREEMENT HINGES ON CRUISER STRENGTH.

Last-minute efforts are being made to save the Geneva Conference on Naval Armaments from complete failure. The plenary session, was set for this morning, but there are indications that it may be postponed for a day or two.

The question of cruiser strength allowance is the one which is most likely to wreck the Conference. Britain and America cannot agree, and Japan, the other Power interested, is attempting a reconciliation.

Meanwhile, after a meeting of the Cabinet, certain instructions have been telegraphed to the British delegation at Geneva. A meeting of the "Big Six" engaged in the Conference has also taken place, but no decisions have been announced.

"BIG SIX" MEET.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The "big six," Mr. Bridgeman, Lord Cecil, Mr. Hugh Gibson, Admiral Jones, Viscount Ishii and Admiral Saito held a two hours' meeting, which concluded at midnight, at the conclusion of which Mr. Gibson said they had simply decided on the agenda for the plenary session at 3 p.m. on Thursday and had pledged themselves not to give further information.

It is impossible to state if it will be the last meeting or whether negotiations will be held on the basis of the Japanese proposals.

Japanese circles assert that the meeting will be the last, but this is not confirmed in British and American quarters.—Reuter.

Cabinet Instructions. London, yesterday.

The principal topic of discussion at the Cabinet meeting today was the Japanese compromise proposal regarding Geneva which the Anglo-American delegates referred to their respective Governments. The Cabinet deliberations on the matter were prolonged and eventually a long telegram containing instructions was sent to the British representatives at Geneva. In connection with to-morrow's plenary session, it is believed that the Japanese propose to suggest a "naval holiday" as a temporary arrangement until the Washington Conference of 1931.—Reuter.

Not Definite. London, yesterday.

Reuter learns that the communication, which has been sent to the British delegates by the Cabinet did not indicate the definite acceptance or rejection of the Japanese plan but pointed out that much would depend on the view taken by America.—Reuter.

American Hopes. New York, yesterday.

A message from Washington states that Mr. Kellogg, and a number of advisers are studying the Japanese formula in the hope that it will at least afford the basis of the four year "naval holiday" agreement. The fate of the formula and the Geneva Conference itself apparently hinges on the exact cruiser strength permitted under the agreement.—Reuter's American Service.

A Temporary Arrangement. Rugby, yesterday.

The possibility of a brief postponement of the plenary session of the Naval Limitation Conference, which was arranged to take place to-morrow, is suggested in Press messages from Geneva. It is stated that the British and American delegates are still considering the Japanese "naval holiday" scheme, which proposes a temporary arrangement to restrict the cruisers programmes of the three powers until December, 1931, when the Washington Treaty will be reviewed.

It is understood that the views of the Governments concerned have been sought and the delegates are awaiting their replies.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, as Acting Prime Minister, presided

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this afternoon over the Cabinet meeting held at the Foreign Office at which it is understood the latest developments at Geneva were reviewed.—British Wireless Service.

Another Postponement. Geneva, Yesterday.

It is possible that the plenary conference will be re-postponed a couple of days, as Mr. Gibson and Mr. Bridgeman have not yet heard the views of their respective Governments on the Japanese compromise proposal, which is still kept strictly confidential.

The pessimism in well-informed quarters in London as regards Geneva is still very pronounced to-day, but it is considered unlikely that the conference will adjourn sine die.

It is expected that the British delegation, at the final plenary session, will review its case and make a full statement as regards negotiations.—Reuter.

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RIVAL "CAMELS."

Cigarette Trade Mark Dispute.

LOCAL COURT CASE.

An alleged conflict between trade marks of two brands of cigarettes formed the subject of a Supreme Court action this morning when Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., appearing on behalf of "R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of America," opposed the granting of a trade mark "Golden Camel" to the Cairo-Italian Cigarette Company.

In reply to a question by His Lordship (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) as to whether the proceedings were ex parte, counsel stated that the solicitor for the respondents was without instructions, and the effect was that the proceedings became ex parte.

Mr. Alabaster said that the Registrar in June of last year had granted the application of the Cairo-Italian Cigarette Company for the registration of the trade mark which consisted of the words "Golden Camel" with a picture of a golden camel underneath. The trade mark had not, in fact, been registered.

Registrar's Decision. The application of the respondents for such registration was supported, continued counsel, by a declaration that the trade mark did not infringe any other trade mark. On the grounds that it did conflict with the "Camel" mark of the "Camel" cigarettes of the Reynolds Tobacco Company of America, the latter Company had filed notice of appeal against the decision of the Registrar.

The Registrar's judgment was to the effect that the get-up and design of the packets of the Cairo-Italian Cigarette Company in respect of "Golden Camel" cigarettes would not in any way conflict with the trade mark held by the Reynolds Company, but counsel contended to the contrary, quoting authorities and cases in support of his contention that the decision of the Registrar was erroneous.

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on application.
J. R. GEORGE, Manager,
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

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rates to be obtained on application.
H. MORI, Manager,
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1927.

COMMERCE
AND
FINANCE.

CAPITAL REDUCED.

CHINA PROVIDENT MEETING
YESTERDAY.

RESOLUTION APPROVED.

At an extraordinary general
meeting of the China Provident
Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. yester-
day, a resolution submitted by the
Directors for reducing the capital
of the Company from \$6,000,000 to
\$3,000,000 was approved by share-
holders.

The decision is in accordance
with the recommendation of the
Committee of Investigation which
presented its report in November
last.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Mr. C. A. da Rosa, in addressing
shareholders, said:

"The purpose of this meeting is to
effectuate in a formal manner a
decision which you have already
made in reference to the Company's
capital. You will remember that
the report of the Committee of In-
vestigation which was presented in
November last year included a re-
commendation to write off the losses
incurred by the Company by reduc-
ing its capital to the extent of
\$4,500,000. This recommendation
was strongly supported, and was
adopted by the Company.

The Board consequently consid-
ered it desirable to augment further
the reserves resulting in the defi-
ciency being increased by 60 cents
per share to \$5 per share, and this
was given effect to in the balance
sheet dated December 31, 1926,
presented to the general meeting of
shareholders held in May last.

On that occasion your vote was
not taken directly on the issue
before you to-day, but the accounts
were reviewed in detail and the
Board recommended the meeting
we are now holding. The Board
has therefore considered that you
have given your tacit approval to
the capital being reduced and we
hope that your approval will be
given in a formal manner to-day.
The extraordinary resolution be-
fore you, will have to be submit-
ted as a special resolution in the
usual way to a second meeting and
the Court will be petitioned there-
after to confirm the reduction.

No Difficulty Anticipated.

The Company's shares as you
know are fully paid up, and as the
contemplated reduction in capital
does not include a diminution of
any liability, we do not anticipate
any objection by the Company's
creditors. This will facilitate a
petition to the Court and we do not
expect any difficulty in obtaining an
order confirming the reduction.

We hope this formal matter will
be concluded in time to enable us
to show the capital of the Company
at a figure more in relation to the
intrinsic value of its assets in our
next balance sheet at December 31
next.

The issued capital of the Com-
pany was 599,247 shares of \$10
each, of which 4,689 shares were
forfeited in 1926 for non-payment
of calls, leaving the capital of
594,558 shares of \$10 equivalent to
\$5,945,580. Of the shares forfeit-
ed the Company had received in
calls \$32,125, which sum it is in-
tended will be utilized in part-
ly writing off the deficiency. The de-
ficiency amounted at December 31
last to \$2,981,235, and it is pro-
posed to meet this sum in the fol-
lowing manner:

By reducing the nominal value
of 599,247 shares of \$10 each
fully paid up to shares of \$5 each,
fully paid up—\$2,947,890, by
applying the balance of "forfeit-
ed shares account" being the calls
received by the company on for-
feited shares, \$32,125, and by
transfer from general reserve of
1,220, making a total of
\$2,981,235.

A Conservative Basis.

You will note, gentlemen, we are
drawing on the general reserve for
the small sum of \$1,220 in order
to keep at \$5 per share that por-
tion of the deficiency intended to
be met out of capital.

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S. H. HO, Manager,
Hong Kong, 19th February, 1927.

The Board wishes me to em-
phasize that whilst they consider
the new capitalisation safe at \$5
per share, the figures necessarily
reflect only the opinion of the
Board, but they consider neverthe-
less that the fixed assets of the com-
pany are now valued on a conserva-
tive basis fully reflecting the de-
preciation which has taken place
and at these values a remunerative
return might be expected given
normal trading conditions.

We can hardly give an assurance,
at least not in the same definite
manner, in reference to the value
of the floating assets, but all known
losses have been anticipated and
furthermore a general reserve of
over \$700,000 has been provided to
meet the possibility of further loss
on realisation of investments or in
liquidation of loans.

Although the reduction of capital
you are considering to-day is the
first step towards placing the Com-
pany on a sound basis, it has al-
ready been preceded by the realisa-
tion of a substantial loan by the
Company under a mortgage, and we
propose continuing this policy of
thawing frozen assets as circum-
stances may permit without which
the reduction in capital can bring
no benefit.

The Resolution.

I now formally move the follow-
ing extraordinary resolution.
That the capital of the Company
be reduced from \$6,000,000—
divided into 600,000 shares of \$10
each—to \$3,000,000—divided into
600,000 shares of \$5 each—and
that such reduction be effected by
cancelling the capital which has
been lost or is unrepresented by
available assets, to the extent of \$5
per share upon each of the
599,247 shares which have been
issued and are now outstanding,
and by reducing the nominal
amount of all the shares in the
Company's capital from \$10 to
\$5 per share, provided always
that such reduction shall be with-
out prejudice to the Company's
rights under Article 32 of the
Articles of Association to sue for
and recover all arrears of calls
now outstanding and due in re-
spect of any forfeited shares."

Mr. C. Mancini seconded the re-
solution.

The Chairman added: Before put-
ting to the meeting the resolution
which has been proposed by myself
and seconded by Mr. Mancini,
which resolution I might say must
be passed by a majority of three
fourths of those present at this
meeting—in order to have legal
effect, I shall be pleased to elucida-
te the point further if you so wish.

The resolution was put to the
meeting and carried on con.

The Chairman was supported by
Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. L.
Alves, Mr. T. B. Wilson, Mr. C. B.
Brooke, Mr. S. M. Churn, Mr. N. Y.
Goucher, and Mr. D. S. Hodgson,
(directors), Mr. D. L. King, (sec-
retary), and Messrs. D. W. Munton,
A. Keith, A. Keating, W. F. Sim-
mons, C. Mancini, A. Gillard, W. F.
Lee, V. Sorby and T. Arnott, (share-
holders).

JAPANESE NEWS.

Tokyo, July 26.

Rubber f.a.q. spot was quoted
to-day at 70 sen at which business
was done.

Cheap Rice in Japan.

Mr. Yamamoto, Minister of
Agriculture and Forestry, in reply
to a question as to whether the
Government is preparing to pur-
chase the surplus rice in the
colonies in view of the sudden fall
in the price of rice, stated that the
Government is now investigating
the situation. It is generally be-
lieved that the threat of rice ex-
port in large quantity from the
colonies is the main cause of the
heavy fall in the rice price at
home.

Industrial Concerns Hard Up.

Many industrial companies in
this country are suffering from lack
of funds for payment of dividend
for the last or current business
period, as the bankers, who had a
bitter experience in the recent finan-
cial disturbance, are adopting a
cautious attitude.

Value of Farms Lately Heavily
Declined.

The value of farms lately heavily
declined, and is still dropping,
owing to the falling off in the
price of agricultural productions,
and farmers' troubles, and un-
certainties of financial circles.

RUBBER.

Auction Results in Singapore.

The Singapore Chamber of Com-
merce Rubber Association, held its
822nd auction on July 27, when
there were catalogued 1,056,020 lbs.
471.44 tons. Offered 710,922 lbs.
317.38 tons. Sold 609,993 lbs.
272.82 tons.

London 1s. 6d.
New York 34 1/2 cents.

Prices Realised.

Ribbed Smoked Sheet Cts. Per Lb.
Standard Quality No Sales
Good Average Quality 68 1/2 to 69 1/2
(a few lots at 68)

Off Quality 66 1/2 to 67 1/2
Crepe Standard Quality Pale No Sales
Good Quality 56 1/2 to 57 1/2
Off Quality 54 1/2 to 55 1/2
Cyanoline Brown 53 1/2 to 54 1/2
Brown 48 to 49 1/2
Scrap 46 1/2 to 47 1/2
Bark 44 to 45 1/2

RUBBER MARKET.

Guthrie's Weekly Report.

Singapore, July 22.

Certain heartening features
affecting the Rubber Market have
presented themselves during the
past week and a measure of con-
fidence has been regained. The
returns of the Controller of Export
for the current restriction year to
the end of June show a favourable
statistical position in reduced ex-
ports from the Restriction area, and
a heavy reduction in dealers stocks
in Singapore and Penang which now
explains the unexpectedly heavy ex-
port in June. The definite pro-
nouncement of the Secretary for
the Colonies that no interference
with the Restriction Scheme was
contemplated gave the necessary
fillip to the London Market which
strengthened to 1s. 5 1/2d. New
York lags behind absorbed in vi-
sions of huge potential outputs
from bud-grafted trees. The local
Market quickly assumed a cheerful
aspect and values advanced a few
points on small business, sellers
being diffident. A small bear in-
terest was trapped and had to pay
the inevitable penalty of an un-
sympathetic Market.

Closing Quotations:—July, 60 1/2
cts.; Aug.-Sept., 61; Oct.-Dec., 62;
Jan.-March, 62 1/2; Quietly steady.
London 1s. 5 1/2d., New York 85
cts. gold.

Lewies and Pests' Report.

Singapore, July 21.

A turn for the better has been
seen in the market over the past

week, and the Trade and Manufac-
turers are showing more interest.
Additional strength has been given
by the announcement in Parliament
that no alteration is contemplated
to the provisions of the Restriction
Scheme and by the publication of
the Malayan rubber figures for
June. These latter show that the
carry over into July is higher than
might have been expected, but this
is offset by a reduction in Dealers
Stocks in Singapore and Penang.
Though there is little to justify
undue optimism the statistical
position is improving and the trend
of the market points to slightly
higher prices.

Movements in the market have
been as follows:—

Standard Sheet.—Spot 60 Highest
Price; 57 1/2 Lowest Price; 59 1/2;
Closing Price; Aug.-Sept. 61;
58 1/2; 60 1/2; Oct.-Dec. 62;
59 1/2; 61 1/2; Jan.-March 63; 60 1/2;
62 1/2; Crepe Spot 60; 57 1/2; 59 1/2.

To-day's cable from our London
Office gives:—Steady, 1s. 4 1/2d.
New York: 34 1/2. London Stocks
for the week ending July 16, 67 1/2
tons decrease, total now on hand,
63,511 tons.

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HONG KONG TIDE.

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predicting Machine, which in-
cludes 40 components for the bet-
ter prediction of tides, from the
result of the analysis of the tidal
observations, taken at the
Kaulung tidal observatory under
the direction of Dr. Dobereck dur-
ing the years 1887, 1888, & 1889.
The times and heights are given
for Kaulung; but they may be
used for the Victoria Naval yard
and Aberdeen; the differences
being very small.

The times of high and low-
water must not be considered to
coincide with the times of slack-
water and change of current, the
two phenomena being quite
distinct.

August 4 to 10, 1927.

DATE HIGH WATER LOWER WATER

August Standard Times Ht. Standard Times Ht.

Thurs 4 m 1 56 4.5 m 6 52 3.6

Fri 5 m 2 34 4.7 m 7 30 3.8

Sat 6 m 3 12 4.9 m 8 8 4.0

Sun 7 m 4 50 5.1 m 9 58 4.2

Mon 8 m 5 28 5.3 m 10 56 4.4

Tues 9 m 6 6 5.5 m 11 54 4.6

Wed 10 m 6 54 5.7 m 12 52 4.8

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TOTTORI MARU Tuesday, 9th August.

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TANGO MARU Friday, 19th August.

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NO NEW LESSON TAUGHT.

The latest outrage by the Blas Bay pirates, the attack on the Norwegian s.s. "Solviken" and the murder of the master of that vessel, brings out no point in connection with piracy prevention that has not been brought out before, and teaches no lesson that has not previously been taught; but it does serve to emphasise two matters that have been emphasised time and again: firstly, that from the viewpoint of the pirates there always can be found a loophole in the precautions prescribed by the Hong Kong Piracy Prevention Regulations; and secondly, that piracy in South China waters can never be eliminated and never will be eliminated till the pirates' own special district in the vicinity of Blas Bay has been ruthlessly and relentlessly "cleaned up," once and for all. There has been a certain amount of implied criticism at Hong Kong in regard to the fact that the score or so pirates were able to get on board at Hong Kong with their weapons; but the pirates have demonstrated frequently that if they want to get on a ship with their knives and pistols, they will get on that ship, the most meticulous search notwithstanding. The "Solviken" took on some 400 passengers at Hong Kong, and while it is reasonable to assume that as efficient a search as possible was made before they went on board, it can easily be imagined that with such a crowd embarking, and with the vessel taking in cargo in addition, the smuggling on board of a couple of dozen pistols would present no insuperable difficulties to experts such as we know the Blas Bay pirates to be. The cure for the whole disease of South China piracy is, as we have emphasised year after year, the extermination of the pirates. That duty, normally and morally, would seem to rest with the body at Canton that calls itself the Canton Government; but though the fact has been represented repeatedly to these People in Authority at Canton, they can not, or will not, but most certainly do not, take any steps to carry out what is their bounden duty. Four months ago, following a succession of piracies on British ships, the British Naval authorities took matters into their own hands and raided the pirates' district, inflicting a certain amount of damage, but not nearly enough, though sufficient to keep the pirates away from British ships in the meantime. The "Solviken" piracy appears to presage a

recrudescence of the evil, and one wonders, not when are the British authorities or some other foreign power going again to take action, but when the People in Authority at Canton are going to do their duty to their own countrymen and to foreigners. It has been proved, time and again, and beyond doubt or cavil, that the headquarters of the most dangerous and successful piratical organisation in China waters is situated in the territory supposed to be governed by these authorities at Canton, yet, despite the number of piracies which have taken place which can directly be attributed to the activities of the organisation, nothing of a punitive nature has ever seriously been undertaken, or even seriously suggested, by the very authorities who are supposed to have control over the district. The whole basis of the solution of the problem of piracy prevention and elimination is co-operation between those whose interest is that piracy shall cease. The Canton authorities have reiterated and reiterated their desire to do what they can to suppress pirates, but that is all they have done, and their sole and whole activity in the matter has been confined to words. The elaborate (if not by all means satisfactory) system of piracy prevention which is enforced by the Hong Kong authorities, and the precautions which are taken at other ports in regard to curbing the activities of the piracy gang, however comprehensive in their scope, can be considered only as a palliative of the evil and not a cure. The real, the only cure is not in making it difficult if not impossible for the pirates to attack a ship, but in exterminating the pirates themselves. Pirates in other districts in South China have received summary treatment in many cases, but the biggest and most important gang of all, that located in Waichow, has so far gone scot free (excepting for the British Naval raid) and may be expected to indulge in further operations, some perhaps, as productive of casualties as the last one. The gang should be exterminated, without ruth or remorse, and if the Canton Government will not undertake the duty, the nations whose ships are continually exposed to the piracy danger should themselves take action. Such action will have to come, sooner or later but inevitably, for the existence of the Waichow pirates cannot be tolerated indefinitely, and their extermination, whether carried out by foreigners or by the native forces of China, would be as welcome to the Chinese (who so far have been the chief sufferers) as to the foreigners. "Shipping and Engineering."

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RESCUE FROM BURNING CRAFT.

When the Straits steamer "Kopah" arrived in Singapore on July 23, her captain reported that two Malays and one Chinese were picked up from a burning motor boat, the "Tijal," bound from Karimon to Pontian Besar with benzine. They were picked up from the burning craft at 9.45 p.m. on July 21 and carried on to Malacca and thence to Singapore. The s.s. "President Pierce" will sail for Seattle on the August 10 at 6 a.m.

S.S. "PAUL BEAU."

EXAGGERATED REPORT OF DAMAGE.

The captain of the s.s. "Paul Beau" states that the report of the vessel's mishap in last week's typhoon (which was not published in the "China Mail") was exaggerated. The ship touched ground but sustained no damage and her running was not interrupted.

COMING HERE.

PASSAGES BOOKED ON P. AND O. VESSELS.

The latest issue of the "Ocean Passenger List" of the P. and O. S.N. Company, received yesterday, shows the following passages booked from Home for Hong Kong:-
On the "Malwa," leaving London, August 12:
Dr. and K. H. Digby, Dr. and Mrs. Shellhear, of the Hong Kong University, Mrs. K. Taylor.
On the "Macedonia," leaving London, September 9:
Sir Henry Collan, C.B.E. (the Chief Justice of Hong Kong), Mrs. Wynne-Jones.
On the "Mongolia," leaving London, September 23:
Mrs. W. H. Brenner, Mrs. C. D. Lambert.
On the "Mantua," sailing from London, October 7:
Mr. C. E. H. Beavis and Mrs. Beavis, Mr. C. L. F. Bellamy (manager of the Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd.), and Mrs. Bellamy, Mr. W. H. Bell (manager A.P.C. Hong Kong) and Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. S. B. B. McDermid (Assistant Colonial Secretary) and the Misses McDermid, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mott, Mr. G. F. Nightingale (headmaster of the Kowloon British School) and Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton.
On the "Kashgar," leaving London on October 20:
Mr. J. C. Fletcher, of Queen's College, Mr. J. McKelvie.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Kobe on August 2 at 2.30 p.m. left Kobe yesterday at 6 a.m., and was due at Nagasaki to-day at 5 a.m.
The P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 7 a.m., and is due here tomorrow at about 6 p.m.
The Ben Line s.s. "Benlawers" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on August 6.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" is due at Hong Kong on August 8 at 5 p.m.
The s.s. "Fiume-L" (D. & Co.) from Trieste, sailed from Aden on July 18, and is due in Hong Kong on August 18.
The following vessels of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes are expected here:-
"Athos II," August 30.
"D'Artagnan," September 18.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Oakbank" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after August 8.
Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Chenonceaux" are informed by the Agent that all claims must be sent to him before August 12.

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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Sept. 14	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Oct. 2
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Oct. 5	Oct. 8	Oct. 11	Oct. 14	Oct. 23
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Nov. 1	Nov. 4	Nov. 13
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Nov. 16	Nov. 19	Nov. 22	Nov. 25	Dec. 4
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Dec. 7	Dec. 10	Dec. 13	Dec. 16	Dec. 25
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Jan. 4	Jan. 7	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Jan. 22

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Aug. 9	Aug. 11	EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 20
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
MONTEVIDEO MARU Tuesday, 23rd August.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
HONOLULU MARU Thursday, 4th August.
CELEBES MARU Friday, 10th August.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
MEXICO MARU Wednesday, 31st August.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
TACOMA MARU Thursday, 25th August.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
ARIZONA MARU Thursday, 18th August.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOT.
TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 16th August.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
JAPAN PORTS
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU Sunday, 7th August, 2 p.m.
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.
DELI MARU Thursday, 11th August, 10 a.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.
GANGES MARU Wednesday, 24th August.
DAIREN Via CHEFOO & TSINGTAO.
NITTO MARU Beginning of August.
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Hongkong, April 1, 1924.

REPORT FROM BOARD OF CONSERVANCY WORKS OF KWANGTUNG

Waterlevels in English Feet.

Place of Observation	Highest W.L. on record	Lowest W.L. on record	W.L.	W.L.
West River at Shuhing	+41.0'	0'	+24.5	rising
North River at Telyung	+23.7'	0'	+18.5	rising
North River at Samahul	+27.3'	5'	+16.8	+18.2
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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong About	Destination
KASHGAR	9,005	6th Aug.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	16,619	20th Aug.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	3rd Sept.	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	17th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KHYBER	9,114	1st Oct.	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,985	15th Oct.	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	8,935	29th Oct.	Marseilles & London
MACE DONIA	11,120	12th Nov.	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	16,504	26th Nov.	Marseilles & London

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BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS.

SANTHA	7,754	13th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALAMBA	8,018	2nd Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
ARAFURA	6,000	28th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	6,956	2nd Sept.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, & Melbourne.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	30th Sept.	Australia.

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

DEVANHA	8,155	5th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,956	10th Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
TALAMBA	8,018	19th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	30th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NAGPORE	5,283	9th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	2nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	16th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NYANZA	7,023	6th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,985	16th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,935	30th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Oct.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama

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LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

"Nyanza" (4,322) British from Shanghai.—Mackinnon Mackenzie—10 passengers.—670 tons general cargo and coal for Hong Kong, 228 tons coal and general (through).

"Yuen Sang" (1,982) British, from Swatow.—Jardine's—2 passengers, 700 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

"Telemachus" (4,792) British, from Singapore.—E. & S.—508 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,651 tons general (through).

"Chenonceaux" (8,379) French, from Saigon.—M.M.—41 passengers, 87 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,648 tons general (through).

"Paul Lecat" (7,546) French, from Shanghai.—M.M.—239 passengers, 25 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 471 tons general (through).

"Hiram" (1,109) Norwegian, from Bangkok, Swatow.—Thoresen & Co.—11 passengers, 1,500 tons rice for Hong Kong.

"Fingal" (1,244) Norwegian, from Keelung.—Thoresen & Co.—1,800 tons coal (through).

"Norviken" (1,779) Norwegian, from Hoihow.—Foo Nam S.S. Co.—932 passengers, 600 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 100 tons general (through).

"Sanjin Maru" (1,508) Japanese, from Keelung.—M.B.K.—1,720 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,600 tons coal (through).

"Kotai Maru" (918) Japanese, from Swatow.—O.S.K.—23 passengers, 500 tons coal and general cargo for Hong Kong, 187 tons coal and general (through).

"Honolulu Maru" (3,540) Japanese, from Moji.—O.S.K.—507 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,969 tons general (through).

"Loong Hua" (1,507) Chinese, from Chingwan-tao.—Dodwell—960 tons coal for Hong Kong, 2,000 tons coal (through).

Departures.

Sor Shanghai.—Kathe, Chenonceaux, Phenexor, Emp. of Canada, Telemachus.

For Hoihow.—Dorcy.

For Swatow.—Hai Ching, Taikwa Maru, Norviken.

For Amoy.—Halvard, Hsin Chang.

For Saigon.—Myrmidon, Paul Lecat.

For Pakhoi.—Eiger.

For Batavia.—Tjibodas.

For Singapore.—Sandviken.

For Kwong Chow Wan.—Sui Kong.

Clearances.

For Haiphong.—Tonkin.

For Singapore.—Cremier, Nyanza.

For Canton.—Daishing.

For Port Vallut.—Fei Hu.

For Whampoa.—Fingal.

Shipping Abstract.

British	Japanese	French	Norwegian	Chinese	German	Dutch	Panama	Portuguese	In
3	6	36	3	1	0	1	0	0	72
12	17	4	6	15	1	5	4	4	

SMUGGLED CHANDU.

\$900 WORTH IN PASSENGER'S COCO-NUT OIL TINS.

Two very ordinary looking tins of the kind in which Chinese deck passengers carry their oil for cooking purposes were the exhibits on July 25 in Singapore before the District Judge, Mr. N. D. Mudie, in a charge of being in possession of non-Government chandu against Eng. Bong, arriving in Singapore from China on the "Hong Wah."

It was explained by Revenue Officer Ganno that the tins had false bottoms, and the drug was found in the compartments thereby provided.

The man was arrested at the Teluk Ayer examination shed.

In an Attache Case.

A Chinese passenger from the "Hong Wah" named Lim Chow-see, on landing from a sampan at the Treasury Steps, was greeted by a revenue officer, who manifested a curiosity as to the contents of the gentleman's attache case.

In spite of assurances that the case contained nothing that would interest a revenue officer, that individual proceeded to examine the contents.

A sequel was provided in the District Court in a charge of the possession of non-Government chandu valued at \$1,200.

CHOLERA AT STOW.

LOCAL QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS.

An official notification states that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Swatow on account of cholera.



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It is authoritatively announced in Java that the Lancashire Shipping Company has placed an order for two 9,000-ton motorships, with the firm of Cammell Laird and Co., of Birkenhead, for use in the service between New York and the Netherlands East Indies.

The new boats will be employed in the Dodwell Castle Line, which is managed by James Chambers and Company, of Liverpool, and mainly tains regular monthly sailings from the Netherlands East Indies to the east of North America via the Straits Settlements, Belawan, Colombo and Suez. The two new motorships are expected to be put into service during the course of this year.

The vessels in question are about 440 feet overall, 42½ feet between perpendiculars, fifty-six-foot beam, and a little under 9,000 tons deadweight on about twenty-six feet six-inch draft. The speed will be about twelve and one-half knots average loaded port to port.

The ships will be loaded in New York, proceeding from there to the Philippines, China and Japan, Java and Sumatra, thence to the Straits Settlements. The voyage will then be completed by a return visit to New York.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers departed from Hong Kong by the s.s. "Chenonceaux" on August 3 were:

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Strohacker, Mr. L. W. Faucett, Miss G. M. Perpetuo, Miss E. Perpetuo, Mr. E. Mompoulian, Mrs. Bourdarias, Mrs. Vitry and baby, Miss P. Killeen, Mr. P. M. Baptista, Mrs. Faucett and two children, and Miss Simone Tery.

Passengers departed from Hong Kong by the s.s. "Paul Lecat" on August 3 were:

Messrs. F. X. da Luz, J. H. Squires, A. W. Gibson, J. O. Sheppard, D. E. Cappleman, A. Lacombe, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Phillips, Miss M. Phillips, Messrs. A. M. Borges, G. Lauffray, Miss M. Kouzminsky and Mr. M. A. Kouzminsky.

Passengers departed from Hong Kong by the s.s. "Empress of Canada" on August 3 were:

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FIRE ON B.I. STEAMER.

The B.I. steamer "Garada," 3,218 tons net, and 5,533 tons gross, under the command of Capt. W. J. Eury, arrived at Singapore on July 24 from Calcutta, which port she left on July 18.

On arrival, her commander reported that at 10 p.m. on the 17th a fire was discovered in No. 4 hatch. After twenty minutes work the fire was finally extinguished. The damage done to the cargo cannot be estimated until the hold has been cleared, but it is thought to be very slight.

The vessel is bound for Australia, and at the time of the outbreak had only one European and six Indian cattle attendants as passengers. She had a general cargo, and was conveying 200 sheep and 393 goats to Singapore.

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FIRE ON PIER.

43,000 SUGAR-SACKS DESTROYED.

San Francisco, July 26.

A fire on the pier where the British steamer "Incemore" was unloading 50,000 sacks of sugar destroyed 43,000 sacks. The steamer was unharmed.—Associated Press.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships are in harbour:

North Wall Basin, Delhi; South Wall Basin, Wild Swan; East Wall Basin, Moorhen and L16 and L19; North Arm, Vindictive; West Wall Dock, Fortol; In Dock, Argus; Taikoo Dock, Foxglove; Kowloon Dock, Argus; Taikoo Dock, Foxglove; Kowloon Dock, Sterling; Buoy 3, Primauguet (French); Buoy 7, Dauntless; Buoy 12, Blueball; Buoy 18, Ruthenia; Buoy 25, Khark; also in port, Argus (French) and U.S.S. Sacramento.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE.

From U.S.A.

THE Motor Vessel "OAKBANK" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 8th August, 1927, 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the vessel must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 16th August, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, 8th August, 1927, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents, Hong Kong, 2nd August, 1927.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before FRIDAY, the 12th instant, or they will not be recognized.

DAMAGED PACKAGES will be examined by the Company's Surveyor, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on TUESDAY, the 9th August, 1927.

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J. LIMAGE, Agent, Hong Kong, 3rd August, 1927.

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Aug. 16	San Francisco	Olympic	Sept. 17	Cebu-Shanghai
Aug. 23	Seattle	Borngaria	Sept. 21	Cebu-Shanghai
Aug. 30	San Francisco	Homeria	Oct. 1	Cebu-Shanghai
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Sept. 13	San Francisco	Majestic	Oct. 15	Cebu-Shanghai
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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

After a fairly long lull in the military situation-fighting has again broken out on different fronts. Plans have been completed for a number of big attacks in other directions, particularly on Peking and Tientsin by General Chiang Kai-shek. Full war movements are given in this week's "Overland Mail."

During the week activities in South China, noticeably around Canton, held public attention. Here much of political and military importance has happened, all of which is set out in the "Overland."

This week's issue also contains the first three of a new series of lectures of "Republicanism" by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen; the latest local happenings, sporting events, and authoritative editorial and special articles. Let us send the "Overland" home for you.

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BIRTH.

MILLAR.—August 4, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Millar, a daughter.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Rahim wish to express their deep thanks for the expressions of sympathy and condolence from their numerous friends, customers and relatives in their recent sad bereavement.

Hong Kong, Thursday, August 4, 1927.

FIGHT THE PIRATES.

Since the news was flashed over the wires from Oslo that, in accordance with Norway's request, the seafaring Powers had decided to take joint action against the pirates, as the sequel of the attack on the s.s. "Solvik," not a word has been forthcoming from any quarter as to the nature of that action and the date thereof. So far as can be gleaned, nothing is known locally. The British Foreign Office presumably knows, but is preserving a silence that is nothing if not strange. Parliament is in recess till November, and so even Mr. H. W. Looker, "the member for Hong Kong," has no opportunity to question the Government in the House of Commons. The British Minister in Peking ought to be in a position to say something, as should also the British Consul-General in Canton, but neither of these gentlemen has thought fit to make a statement of any kind. The Foreign Office or the other Powers and their diplomatic representatives in China are observ-

ing a similar silence. But for the official nature of the message from Oslo it could almost be imagined that the Norwegian Foreign Office had been given credit for a statement for which there was not the slightest authority. It may be, of course, that the seafaring Powers have their own ideas concerning the pirates and that nothing will be divulged until the "stunt" at Bias Bay has become a matter of history. The present apparent inaction may be meant to lull the pirates into a false sense of security and "the Assyrian may come down like a wolf on the fold" when the good folk of Bias Bay are sleeping peacefully in their huts!

Meanwhile, it is worthy of comment that the Canton authorities do not seem at all inclined to anticipate any joint action by the Powers by saving the latter the trouble and doing the job themselves. There has been ample time since the piracy of the "Solvik" for Canton to show its hand—either by a raid by its own forces against Bias Bay, or by a request for the co-operation of the Powers, or even by a gesture to the Powers to go ahead and wipe out the pirates' lair once and for all. As "Shipping and Engineering" (Shanghai) states in its issue of July 29, the "Solvik" piracy appears to presage a recurrence of the evil, and one wonders not when the British authorities or some other foreign Powers are going to take action, but when the people in authority in Canton are going to do their duty to their own countrymen and to foreigners. In spite of the number of piracies which can be directly attributed to the one organisation, nothing of a punitive nature has ever been seriously undertaken or even seriously suggested by the very authorities who are supposed to have control over the district. "The Canton authorities," continues "Shipping and Engineering," "have iterated and reiterated their desire to do what they can to suppress pirates, but that is all they have done, and their sole and whole activity in the matter has been confined to words." Before the Powers actually decide on joint action, so far as that involves another raid on Bias Bay, they might well endeavour to bring the Canton authorities to a sense of their duty both to their own countrymen and to foreigners. The menace of piracy is far too serious to permit of dallying or trifling and it is certainly time that Canton was told so in no unmeasured terms by the Powers.

In Bad Spirit.

The attack on Britain by the "Washington Post," mentioned in the cables yesterday, is an instance of a deplorable practice which, fortunately, is gradually disappearing. The substance of the attack, as is usual in such cases, is without merit, so does not require debate. What is of public concern is the bad spirit behind the written word, a spirit which has consistently emanated from the newspaper in question. We well remember the lurid anti-British editorial articles that appeared in the "Washington Post" at the time of and after the Hankow "incident," when its subscribers were told, in effect, to let the British "stew in their own juice" in China and that under no circumstances should America lift a finger to maintain law and order—or protect its own nationals—in this part of the world. Such attacks are the more reprehensible when directed at a nation than when an individual is selected for abuse. Invariably they are the product of a half-baked school of journalism in which bad taste prevails to such an extent that personal attack takes the place of reasoned argument. When a person is the butt he has the obvious remedy of a personal encounter with the attacker, though the latter is seldom worth the time or trouble, so such outbursts are generally ignored. But when a nation is traduced, the affair takes on an immeasurably wider importance, and a mere pin-prick in this direction may result in much racial antagonism. However, in view of the fact that responsible American opinion has repudiated the sentiments contained in the article referred to, it is unlikely that we shall hear anything further about it. Which is for the better.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"THAT FERRY."

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Dear Sir,—I am in thorough agreement with the opening sentence of your correspondent, "Propeller's" letter in to-night's paper, but with the rest I so violently disagree that I feel the urge to break into print myself on the same subject.

Not having followed either the correspondence or the Editor's comments that apparently roused "Propeller" to scorn, let us start from his own letter.

He, apparently, holds a brief for the way in which the ferries are handled and blames any difficulties that arise on to the way the stages are designed. In other words he shifts the charge of incompetence on to the Company and its advisers.

Let me state my thesis in perfectly clear terms.

1. The way that the ferries are handled to-day is a ghastly spectacle of sheer incompetence.
2. If this incompetent handling is due to the lay-out of the stages, why is it only since the strike and the advent of the new ferries—which practically coincided—that the incompetence has become so marked?
3. To answer "Propeller's" question: Not only to suit the needs of the present incompetent regime, but in the interests of efficiency and quick discharge, now and when the traffic has increased manifold, the ferry stages should be built in the form of two double V's, wider at the entrance. If the present incompetence is a permanent feature, then the two entrances and the ends should be fendered with heavy rubber fenders so that the coxswains can bump about from side to side without doing much damage or delaying the discharge of passengers.

Now let's get down to brass tacks: Does "Propeller" deny that the way the ferries are handled is a sheer disgrace to the Company?

Before the strike, with the old ferries, the average time from boarding to discharging was 8 to 9 minutes; now it is 10 to 12. Take the Hong Kong landing: The wharf runs about N.N.E. and S.S.W. The coxswains come up to it—at far too high a speed incidentally which is at the bottom of all the trouble—as if the very last thing they wanted to do was to get alongside it; they might be supposed at times to be contemplating a landing at Queen's or Blake Pier. The engines are going ahead, until off the wharf. They then go full astern, which throws the "head on" to about S.S.E. and in theory should bring the stern on to the wharf. However, being scared stiff of this wharf, they are too far away from it to get the line ashore. Hence all this pitiable exhibition of incompetence every day.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Result of Thirteenth Puzzle.

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In accordance with the rules a cheque will be sent to the winners four days hence under registered cover, together with the congratulations of the "China Mail."

The correct solutions are as follows:—

Across.

1. PANURGY; 7. ECDYSIS; 14.

ACACIA; 16. TRAPPY; 17.

RHIME; 18. PAS; 20. YULAN; 21.

EAVE; 22. RAILS; 23. PICA; 24.

R.T.E.; 25. TAX; 26. GE;

28. GEKKO; 31. TI; 32.

GHOUL; 33. EARLY; 34. RUE;

35. AUF; 37. EAGRE; 39.

STANG; 41. AS; 43. DREYS; 44.

S.E.; 45. N.C.O.; 47. WAR; 48.

ARTS; 50. LABEL; 52. BIRR; 53.

TITAN; 55. TAR; 56. ARECA; 57.

UBERTY; 59. AMULET; 60.

SERIOUS; 61. TRUNDLE.

Down.

1. PARERGY; 2. ACHATE; 3.

NAIVE; 4. U.C.M.E.; 5. RIE; 6.

GA; 8. C.T.; 9. DRY; 10. YAUP;

11. SPLIT; 12. I.P.A.C.A.T.; 13.

SYNAXIS; 15. SAI; 16. PANEL; 19.

SLAKE; 27. SHEAL; 28. GUARD;

29. OASTS; 30. LLANO; 32. GUE;

33A. YUG; 36. MANATUS; 38.

ERGAT; 39. SYKER; 40. SER-

RATE; 42. SCRIBE; 44. SARCEL;

46. OTTER; 47. WIELD; 49. SARI;

51. BAR; 52. BRUN; 54. N.T.O.;

56. A.M.U.; 58. YU; 59. A.R.

and bother about getting a ferry to the wharf than there is in getting an "Empress" boat tied up, and what it must cost the Company in wear and tear of engines, and gear. Heaven only knows.

Allow me to suggest to the shareholders that they pay a little more in wages. Against the trivial extra cost will be set the saving in wear and tear, damage to the wharves and ferries—which must amount to a good sum, and a cultivation of goodwill among the travelling public, instead of, as at present, a growing sense of exasperation.

One more remark about "Propeller's" letter. He says, "there is a very strong tidal current round the point," etc., as an excuse for the mishandling.

Perhaps. The difference between a seaman and a non-seaman is that the former takes the avoidance or the utilisation of currents as part of his job; the latter looks upon them as an infliction of God which, as they can't be cured must just be patiently endured.

Therefore, let us have seamen on this job, first, last and all the time, and I would suggest that it is about time that the Harbour Master looked into the question of the manning of these ferries.

Yours, etc.,

Sufferer.

Hong Kong, Aug. 3.

CHINESE BATHING CLUB.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—In reply to "Concerned's" letter in your yesterday's issue, I must point out that this club is managed by a General Committee and an Executive Committee in the interest of all members and that there is installed within the shed a box for inviting and receiving constructive suggestions as to its improvement.

Obviously "Concerned" is keenly concerned with the welfare of the club and is making an honest endeavour to improve its working, as any member should do. Would not "Concerned" do the club some good by assisting its Committees and save much time, if an intelligent use of the said box were made?—Yours, etc.,

WONG KAM YING,

Honorary Secretary,

Chinese Bathing Club.

Hong Kong, August 3.

DUDELL ST. CORNER.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Re that dangerous corner at Duddell St. my suggestion is that the H.K. Electric cars could park at a more suitable place. Their big work-truck often parks in front of the Bank of China, which is also a dangerous position in view of the alterations on the Astor House Hotel, which compel the public to walk on the street itself, there being no sidewalk. The entire corner around there is very congested just now.

Yours, etc.,

PENETRATOR.

Hong Kong, August 2.

P-RAPS—P-RAPS NOT!

Tommy: "Dad, a boy at school, to-day, told me I was very like you."

Dad: "And what did you say?"

Tommy: "Nothing, he's a lot bigger than me."

Customer: "I want a pair of shoes for my husband; he's a referee."

Shopman: "You mean boots, madam—football boots."

"No, I don't, I mean shoes—running shoes."

Timid lady (engaging maid): "I hope you'll stay with me, Mary. I'm not at all difficult to please."

New servant: "No, I could see that, Ma'am, as soon as I set eyes on your husband."

He ("sitting out" a dance): "Give us a little kiss, dearie."

She (indignantly): "How dare you, when I only met you to-night? Why, I've never kissed a man in my life!"

He (calmly): "Well, now's your chance, girly, now's your chance!"

The charge to see a certain monkey at a fair was 3d. After staring at the notice for a time, a man walked up to the keeper and said:

"Could you let me have reduced charges? You see, I have a wife and seventeen children to pay for."

"Seventeen children?" echoed the keeper. "Ere, wait a moment. I'll fetch the monkey out to look at you."

The young wife was to entertain guests for the first time, and approached her cook on the subject.

"We are having a few friends in for a musical evening to-night, Bridget," she exclaimed, "and I want you to do your best."

"Sure, mum," replied Bridget. "I haven't sung for years, but you can put down for 'Come into the garden, Maud.'"

A woman was helping her husband locate a knock in the engine. The bonnet was open and the engine running, and she was bending over it, listening intently.

"Be careful not to touch the plugs," she was warned, "or you may get a shock."

"Oh," she replied, "but, I thought you said this car was equipped with shock absorbers!"

A man lay in the road surrounded by what was originally a motor car. His face was cut and his clothes were torn. The car was a total wreck.

A passing vehicle stopped and a man got out. Leaning over the prostrate man he asked, "Have an accident?"

Faintly the reply reached him, "No, thanks. Just had one."

Poor old Henpeck was very sick and ill: "It serves you right," growled Mrs. Henpeck, "you should never take anything that disagrees with you!"

"Well, Maria," meekly answered Mr. Henpeck, "if I had always taken that advice where would you have been?"

"So Dan be gone to Lunnon? I wonder if there'll be enough goin' on to suit him?"

"Oh, 'e ain't takin' no risks, ain't Dan! 'e took 'is draught board wi' 'im."

Dear old soul to chemist—"Oh, and I want a nice tooth brush for my nephew, you know the sort I mean — for cleaning the little parts of motor bikes."

"Bless me!" said Tommy's uncle, "do you mean to tell me that your teacher never came you?"

"Never, uncle," assured Tommy. "We have moral suasion in our school."

"What's that?"

"Oh, we get kept in, locked out and locked in, stood up in a corner, made to write a thousand words, and scowled at and jawed at, and that's all!"

A group of young children were playing cricket in the meadow with their wickets erected about ten yards from the wall. The young batsman shut his eyes and hit out fiercely. There was a resounding crack as the ball hit a perambulator passing on the fringe of the grass.

He was all apologies to the scared owner, but one of the other members of his side rather endangered the peace—overturning by exclaiming—"Hard luck! it would have been a boundary."

CHINA NEWS.

(Continued from page 1.)

the recognition of any Government in China is bringing Mr. MacMurray home, but rather Mr. Kellogg's desire for a general discussion on the situation, after which Mr. MacMurray will return to China. — Reuter's American Service

Ban on Newspaper.

Shanghai, yesterday. Mr. Shields, the Postal Commissioner at Shanghai, on Monday, notified the "North China Daily News" that in future the newspaper would not be accepted for transmission through the posts. Tuesday morning's postal copies were returned.

The "Daily News" is informed that action was taken by the Chinese military authorities because the "Daily News" is publishing what the military consider false war news.

The "Daily News" comments: "We have probably earned the hostility of the self-appointed regime which has exploited decent Chinese more ruthlessly than any within our ken, which has condoned more actual crime against foreigners than any Chinese organisation since the Boxers, and which has lent itself to methods as objectionably 'red' as anything. Borodin and the Hankow party conceived." — Reuter.

Strict Censorship.

Shanghai, yesterday. Following on the rigorous censorship of the vernacular Press in Shanghai maintained by the Nanking Government, other Governments in China are stopping the publication of native Press news inimical to their respective interests. — Reuter.

Hankow Rischia Strike.

Hankow, Tuesday. As a result of the richia strike martial law was declared in the native city. Richias are back on the streets again, but there appears to have been a definite move against the military, planned by the Union interfering with "essential services."

At Kiukiang.

Kiukiang, Tuesday. Troops are still arriving from up-river. T. V. Soong is reported to have left for Hankow.

Movement of Troops.

Wuhu, Tuesday. More troops have arrived from down-river. It is reported that troops in Wuhu, numbering between 40,000 and 60,000, will be proceeding up-river shortly.

Foreign Property.

Nanking, Tuesday. The bungalows attached to the International Export Company have been cleared of soldiers. Wounded are arriving from the north.

Shanghai, yesterday.

Nothing to report. Kiukiang, yesterday. Situation much easier. Traffic allowed in the Concession to-day. British Naval Wireless.

At Hanchowfu.

Tsingtao. The Shantung forces which have entered Hanchowfu are the 6th, 7th and 9th Armies. Southern soldiers are no longer to be seen in Fuliichi, about 26 li to the north of Huchow. The 3rd Shantung Army is now stationed in Taierchunghung (?), which place was occupied by the Army on July 22. General Chang Tsung-chang at midnight on July 25 gave orders to the Chief of the Aviation Department at Hanchung instructing him to prepare for advancing some aviation corps to Hanchowfu shortly. — "Toho."

Madame Sun Yat-sen.

Shanghai, Tuesday. In an interview with the Nationalist News Agency correspondent here to-day, Madame Sun Yat-sen vigorously denied the many rumours and reports in connection with her recent departure from Hankow to the effect that this involved transfer of activities to Nanking.

"I am neither a traitor nor a chameleon," declared Madame Sun, "and I am having nothing to do with the Nanking crowd. Rumours to the effect are entirely without foundation. The only significance that can be attached to my coming to Shanghai is the fact that my home happens to be here. As I said in my statement of July 14, I will not identify myself with active party work until wiser policies prevail among party leaders and until the Revolution is again being conducted along lines laid down by Dr. Sun Yat-sen."

Madame Sun particularly emphasised that she was "out of politics" for the present and was taking a much-needed rest as result of her recent strenuous war relief activities in Wuhan. "Due to my illness," she concluded, "I am not even seeing friends at the present time. As soon as I am well enough I am going to collect and arrange Dr. Sun's letters for publication."

MOTOR MISHAPS.

BUS AND TRAIN IN COLLISION.

SHATAUKOK ESCAPES.

Mr. D. Thompson, of the Dairy Farm Co., was injured in a collision on Tuesday when his motor cycle ran into a motor car in Robinson Road. His injuries were attended to at the Government Civil Hospital.

The occupant of a ricksha was badly hurt when a motor cycle (No. 80) collided with the ricksha opposite the National City Bank at Queen's Road Central and threw him to the ground.

A remarkable escape was experienced by passengers of a bus between Shataukok and Fanling on Tuesday when, in answering to avoid a car, the driver took the car near the local railway line. An approaching train failed to pull up in time and the resulting impact threw the bus down the embankment. The passengers were all thrown clear and escaped with cuts and bruises.

DOLLAR MAN WEDS.

MR. W. F. SOKALL AND MISS ORTOLANI.

CEREMONY AT SHAMEEN.

A large number of friends attended the wedding on Monday morning, August 1, at Christ Church, Shameen, when Miss Lydia E. Ortolani, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ortolani, the Postal Commissioner at Canton, was married to Mr. Walter F. Sokall, the representative for the Dollar Steamship Company. Rev. C. Blanchette officiated, and the bride was given away by her father. The bride was attended by her sister Miss Gilda Ortolani, and the two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Maas, who acted as bridesmaids, and Master G. Lammer as pageboy. Mr. B. B. Anthony of the Standard Oil Co. of N. Y. at Canton ably performed the duties of best man, while Professor Waters played the part of organist in the church.

Following upon the ceremony at the church, the happy couple repaired to the residence of Mr. Ortolani on the British Concession where toasts were made and exchanged by their many well-wishers.

The reception ended, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sokall left Canton at 3 o'clock the same afternoon by the "Lungshan" for Hong Kong and after a short stay at Repulse Bay they will proceed to the United States for their honeymoon.

Mr. A. Ortolani has been transferred to Mukden in North China, and with Mrs. Ortolani and Miss G. Ortolani, will leave Canton on August 2 for his new post.

ATTACK AT SEA.

FRENCH STEWARD BADLY INJURED.

SUSPECTS IN IRONS.

Seven Chinese, including the head pantry boy, have been placed in irons and sent to Saigon to be tried by the French court there for alleged implication in a ghastly attack on the Chief Steward of the Messageries Maritimes steamer "Chenonceaux" whilst between Saigon and Hong Kong.

The attack took place in the early hours of Sunday morning whilst the Chief Steward was asleep in his cabin. Grievous injuries were inflicted with a knife on the face, head and back of the victim who, on the arrival of the ship in Hong Kong, was taken to the French Hospital where he lies in a critical condition.

Robbery the Motive? The motive of the brutal assault is believed to be robbery. The sum of \$5,000 had been entrusted to the Chief Steward for paying off those of the crew who had embarked at Hong Kong on the downward voyage and it is believed that this fact was known to the assailants.

Discovery of the assault was made shortly afterwards and a muster of the crew was held when the seven men arrested were found to be hiding in various parts of the ship. It is stated that earlier in the evening the Chief Steward had occasion to reprimand the head pantry boy for lounging near his quarters.

The seven suspects have been taken aboard the a.s. "Paul Léaut," on which vessel they will be taken to Saigon.

INFORMER IN TROUBLE.

A Revenue Department informer whose business it is to give information about the illegal opium traffic found himself in the dock before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, charged with demanding with menace the sum of \$5 from an opium dealer of Wuhu Street, Hungnam.

The accused was alleged to have discovered the complainant smoking illicit opium and threatened to expose the latter to the authorities unless he was paid \$5. He was not having obtained a plea of not guilty, his Worship remanded the accused until to-morrow for the hearing of this case.

BORISSOFF RECITAL.

MASTER VIOLINIST AT THEATRE ROYAL.

ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE.

Last night the Theatre Royal contained a most appreciative audience who for nearly two hours listened with rising enthusiasm to Josef Borissoff, a master violinist. Lalo's Symphony Espagnol showed them what to expect, then followed perhaps the most pleasing item, Ave Maria, by Schubert Wilhelmly.

Kreiser's music gave Mr. Borissoff the opportunity of showing his full powers, while it was especially interesting to hear his own compositions, of which the Romance without words was decidedly the most attractive. The well marked rhythm and simple melody of his Valse Staccato was a real gem amidst the intricate pieces beloved of all clever violinists.

All music lovers should determine, in spite of all other engagements, to attend to-night's concert. A note of criticism regarding the theatre: In August, surely all emergency doors might be open, and it is to be hoped the day of silent fans will soon come. Still, the audience waving fans looked cool compared with the performers in dress suits.

Mr. Borissoff was liberal in his encores. He was accompanied by Mr. Willy Reimann.

DOUBLE SEVEN DAY.

CHINESE MAIDENS HONOUR "TSAT CHEH."

To-day is the "double seven"—the seventh day of the seventh moon—the day on which Chinese maidens do honour to their patron goddess "Tsat Cheh" the subject of a thousand years' old love legend, the story of which was published in the "China Mail" on Monday. Celebration of the festival, started in many Chinese homes yesterday, and a lot of crackers were fired in various parts of the island and on the mainland until a late hour last night. The flower vendors in Wyndham Street and the makers of pretty little scenes from the legend did a brisk trade yesterday.

This year there will be three public celebrations of this popular festival. Besides the one which has been going on on the Sincere Company's roof garden since Sunday last, others have been organised in Lee Gardens and at the Empress Hotel.

This evening the celebration will conclude with the offering of sacrifice to "Tien Wong" (the King of the Heavens), "Tsat Cheh's" father, and to the seven love fairies who have in their hands the moulding of the future matrimonial happiness of every Chinese maid.

THE MAIDEN'S FESTIVAL.

At least one Chinese will have cause to remember the Maiden's Festival this year. He was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with plucking 20 catties of flowers on Bowen Road. Although he pleaded that he had plucked the flowers for his daughter to decorate their shrine, and that the flowers were wild ones picked on the roadside, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5 or 10 days' jail.

STOPPED HIS MALARIAL ATTACKS.

Yet Another Sufferer in Ceylon Testifies To The Merits of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

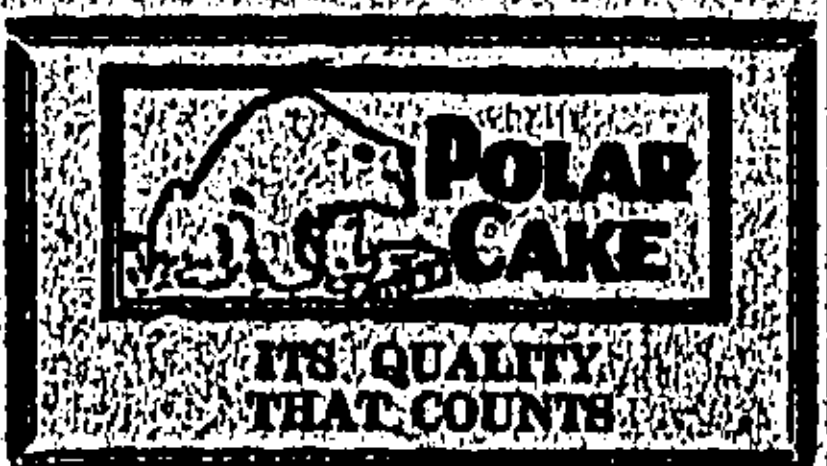
That quinine and serums are not the only remedies for that dread scourge, malaria, is averred by an ever increasing number of malarial sufferers who testify that they have found permanent cure in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. One of the latest of these is Mr. L. De Zilva, an employee of the Ceylon Government Railway, stationed at Alutagama.

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CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Latest Buster Keaton Comedy.

With pleasant memories of "The Navigator" and "The General," local cinema-goers will look forward to Buster Keaton's latest comedy, "Battling Butler," which comes to the Queen's Theatre this evening as the feature attraction until Saturday. The story of "Battling Butler" is one that gives Buster Keaton full scope for his droll brand of humour. The hero is a young dandy who finds that he can only win the love of the girl he adores by posing as a boxing champion named Battling Butler. The pose succeeds and the wedding duly

REVUE FOR KOWLOON.



Mr. Fred Collier, a baritone of quality and a dancer of skill, in the new Our Cabaret Company which is to give a series of revues in the Star Theatre, beginning on Saturday, August 6, at 9.30 p.m.

takes place. Soon afterwards the real boxing champion turns up. The sequel is highly diverting, with a touch of the dramatic when Buster Keaton fights and vanquishes Battling Butler. Besides the big comedy, the new programme at the Queen's offers a further attraction in Miss Daphne Leigh, London and New York revue star, who will sing several popular songs at each performance.

HILL FEUDS.

"Sun Up" at The World Theatre.

Adapted from a stage play which came through the test of Broadway with flying colours, the new picture at the World Theatre this evening, "Sun-Up," is a story of the Carolina hills, revealing the crude, ignorant, almost primitive lives led by the isolated mountain folk. The director of "Sun-Up" set himself to characterize these lives just as they are. The result is a story of romance, devotion and mountain feud. The leading players are Conrad Nagel and Pauline Starke.

YUKON DAYS.

"The Barrier" at The Star Theatre.

Some wonderful photograph of the snow country is a feature of "The Barrier," the new picture at the Star Theatre this evening. "The Barrier" is based on Rex Beach's novel of Yukon days, and is full of dramatic interest, with the action moving quickly to a climax. The story is woven round the primitive lives that were led in the early Alaskan days. Besides a great fight be-

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C.W.K. "And it is, it is a glorious thing To be a Crossword King."

All "It is! Hurray for the Crossword King!"

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

August 4—Queen's Theatre: "Battling Butler."

August 4—World Theatre: "Sun-Up."

August 4—Star Theatre, Kowloon: "The Barrier."

August 4—Informal Dance at "Cheer O," 7 p.m.; Concert at "Better O," 7 p.m.

August 4—Josef Borissoff, world famous violinist performs his 100th concert, at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

August 5—Concert at "Cheer O," 7 p.m.; at Shamshulpo Camp, 7 p.m.

August 4-5-6—Pot-pourri entertainment by the Wild Swan Optimists at Royal Naval Canteen Theatre, 8.30 each evening.

August 6—Charles Chamier presents "Our Cabaret," in a series of intimate revues, beginning with "Cocktails" at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.30 p.m.

August 6, 8—Benno Moiseivitch, world-renowned pianist, gives his recitals at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

August 8—Concert by Leo Podolsky, famous pianist, and Vera Mirova, premiere danseuse, Queen's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

August 22—Social Service for Service men on the roof of St. Peter's Y.M. Club.

Lammer's Auctions.

August 5—Household furniture, pictures, curios, etc., of the late Mrs. M. J. D. Stephens, No. 5, Peak Road, 11 a.m.

September 15—Valuable properties in the New Territories, at Messrs. Lammer's Sales Room, 8, Duddell Street, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

August 5—Extraordinary Meeting of M.Y. San Co., Ltd. (in liquidation) 92-93 Queen's Road, Central, 2.30 p.m.

August 11—Extraordinary general meeting of members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, Club House, 5.30 p.m.

August 18—Meeting of Creditors of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Taxicab Co., Ltd., Liquidators Office, 3, Queen's Road Central, H. K. noon.

Miscellaneous.

August 7—Social gathering in St. John's Cathedral Hall, after Evensong (6 p.m.).

August 5—Whist drive at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.

August 6—Launch picnic for the Service men.

August 7—Theosophical Society launch picnic, 8.45 p.m.

August 7—Military band of the Northamptonshire Regt. at Queen's Theatre during the 5.10 and 9.30 p.m. performances.

August 8—Social for Service men at St. Peter's Y.M. Club House.

August 18—Moonlight bathing picnic under the auspices of St. Peter's Y.M. Club.

August 26—Whist drive at St. John's Cathedral Hall.

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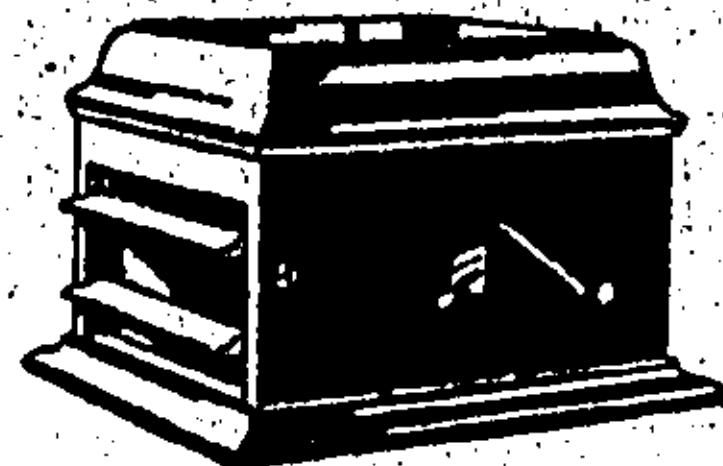
The military band of the Northamptonshire Regiment, by the kind permission of Lt.-Col. S. H. J. Thunder, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., and Officers, will play at the 5.10 and 9.20 performances in the Queen's Theatre on Sunday next, when the feature film will be "The Coming of Amos," the screen version of W. J. Locke's famous novel.

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The King has approved of the 5th/6th Dragoons being in future designated the "5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards" and taking precedence next after the 4th/7th Dragoon Guards.

W. Warupa, a Finn, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the Provisional Court, Shanghai, for being in possession of a pistol and 24 rounds of ammunition without having a licence for same.

The Singapore Troops Entertainment Club which was so much appreciated when the Defence Force was passing through to China, will again be busy shortly when the "Karmala" arrives with the British Battalions of the India Brigade.

A social gathering will be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall, on Sunday next, August 7, after Evening-song (6 p.m.). A cordial welcome will be extended to all Service men and others. There will be music and light refreshments.

A Sydney city merchant, giving evidence before the Australian Tariff Commission at Sydney, said that the flooding of the Australian market with German and Continental iron pipe fittings was defeating the efforts of the Tariff Board and Parliament to save Australian manufacturers from extinction.

Mr. Harry H. Rogers, president of Rotary International, in an interview, expresses confidence that the first Rotary International Convention to be held on the Continent of Europe, Ostend, will be a notable success. The aim of the convention, he says, is to extend Rotary to every city large enough to support a Rotary club throughout the entire Continent.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons, replying to a question in regard to the proposed issue of non-stamped cheques for sums under £2, stated that counsel was being consulted as to the liability of these receipts for stamp duty. If it were found necessary to safeguard the revenue of the year, there would be ample time to deal with the matter before the Committee stage of the Finance Bill was reached.

Twenty sharks have been caught off Brighton and taken to the Aquarium. They vary in length from two feet six inches to four feet, and belong to a species of British sharks known as the "spurdog," from the sharp spines set in front of each dorsal fin. These spines form weapons of a formidable character. British sharks do great damage to the fishing industry, not only by eating a large number of herrings while following the shoals round the coasts, but by cutting away the hooks from the lines with their razor-sharp teeth.

One Chinese case of enteric fever was reported yesterday.

At Sotheby's, a copy of the first Edinburgh edition, 1787, of Burns's poems was sold for £18, and a collection of first edition copies of Sir Walter Scott's works realised £510.

What is regarded as the largest suspension bridge in the Orient was recently completed in the headwaters of the River Yoshino, between the villages of Minawa and Samachi, Miyoshigun, Tokushima Prefecture.

Something new in electric clocks has been invented by an English firm of clockmakers (says the "Children's Newspaper.") Almost silent, the clock ticks away the hours year in and year out without needing winding, its energy being obtained from the ordinary electric mains which supply the house lighting.

The Anti-Japanese Boycott League has issued a circular to the owners of Chinese theatres, urging them to screen matter which relates to the anti-Japanese movement, in order to "wake up the hearts of the people." It is understood that a ten-day magazine soon will appear, those behind it being very bitterly opposed to the Japanese.

Miss Crystal Eastman, a member of the New York Bar Association, is the wife of an Englishman and the mother of two children yet she prefers to be known by her maiden name. Miss Eastman, an American, was married five years ago to W. G. Fuller and together with their children Jeffrey and Annie, they now make their home in London.

Although King Ferdinand died a staunch Catholic, his position as king made him ipso facto, the head of the National church. The ecclesiastical laws and precedents of the country required that the royal burial service be in the ritual of that church, when his body was interred at Curia Adegates, burial place of the Royal family for generations.

In the course of a telegram to Gen. Tang Seng-chi, leader of the Hunanese troops in Central China, the local military authorities urge him to unite with Gen. Chiang Kai-shek in overthrowing the Communists and in fighting the northern militarists. The Kuomintang, they say, never can be in a position to save China if there is constant discord and quarrelling.

Mr. N. Ingrey, of the "Bangkok Times," was admitted to the Bangkok Nursing Home last Saturday.

The death occurred on Monday of M.K.R. R.R.M. Supramaniam Chettiar, of Klang. He had been ailing for some time.

Dr. A. N. Kingsbury was admitted to the European Hospital on Monday at Kuala Lumpur and underwent an operation the following morning.

His Excellency and Lady Clifford, the Chief Secretary and Mrs. Peel, and the Resident and Mrs. Lorne, have promised to be patrons of the E.S.A.M. Ball at the Kuala Lumpur Town Hall.

The Sultan of Perlis accompanied by his suite visited Malacca, and was a guest of Mr. Mohammed bin Haji Abdul Rahman, J.P., at his Kiebang bungalow. During his stay he visited the show and spent most of the time sightseeing.

Mr. Tan Tiam Hock of Malacca celebrated his 74th birthday on the 29th. Mr. Tiam Hock is the father of Mr. Tan Teng Ann, of Boustead and Co., Singapore, of Mr. Tan Glim Ann, an old High School boy who is taking the B.A. course in Hong Kong and of Messrs. Tan Soon Ann and Tan Tam Kim, who are now in Malacca.

Among the passengers who arrived by the P. & O. s.s. "Devanha" to-day were the members of the new "Our Cabaret" Company of ten London artists who are to give a series of revues in the Star Theatre beginning with "Cocktails" on Saturday, August 6, at 9.30 p.m. The members of the company are Miss Muriel Varne, Miss Rita Vivienne, Miss "Jo" Wrenn, Miss Delia Vivienne, and Miss Joan Norman; Messrs. Charles Mason, Fred Collier, Billy Bray, Kenneth Rayner and Charles Chamler.

Mr. Chung Ah Ming, who attended the meeting of the Perak State Council last Wednesday for the first time since his appointment to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Kapitan Chung Thye Phin, J.P., his uncle, is the second Chinese member of the State Council, and his selection says the "Times" of Malaya, has been popular with all sections of the various communities in Perak. Educated in Fuzhou and Penang, Mr. Ah Ming has many interests in Perak, being a landowner, a mine owner, and a great deal of mining and house property in Larut and Kinta.

The Home Secretary in the House of Commons intimated that Russians desiring to come to Britain for the purpose of bona-fide trade are to have the same facilities as any other foreign nationals.

"As a rule I think the Indians make better advocates and the Chinese better solicitors," said the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gompertz), when asked, during an interview for the "Klymcan," his opinions on Asiatic lawyers.

Dean Walter Williams of the college of journalism, University of Missouri, passed through Honolulu en route to the Orient. He expects to include the Philippines in his trip. Dean Williams told the Associated Press that he was making the tour "in the interest of accurate news-gathering."

Opposition to a woman serving on the committee of the training ship "Exmouth," stationed at Tilbury, was raised at the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board. "The boys don't like women on board," Mr. A. H. Spaul, a member, said. "The presence of women tends to make the boys effeminate."

As the result of a collision along Bukit Timah Road, between a Johore Bahru car and a lorry, three Chinese were injured and had to be removed to hospital. The driver of the car was charged and remanded. He is alleged to have been driving rashly at the time, and to have failed to report the accident.

A crowd of 20,000 persons, mostly of the working class, cheered General Alvaro Obregon, former president of the republic, as he made a triumphal entry into the capital. Police and troops were stationed to prevent clashes between followers of Obregon. The demonstration continued peacefully throughout the day, however.

"Advertising always pays. We need money and I am convinced advertising will bring it to us," said Mr. Charles Stopp, at the annual meeting of the Golden Square Throat, Nose, and Ear Hospital, Regent-street, W. Mr. Lionel de Rothschild, presiding, said that the committee had put into operation a scheme to secure the interest in the hospital of the inhabitants of Golden-square. "I signed nearly 300 letters asking their co-operation, but only ten replies were received," he said. "Most of the inhabitants of Golden Square appear to be Scotsmen—perhaps they help the hospitals in Edinburgh."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

His Excellency the Governor of Malaya has signified his willingness to become patron of the Kesatuan Malayu of Singapore.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Kam Soo Hock, brother of Mr. Kam Hock Chye, to Miss E. Say Lian, daughter of Mr. E. Ban Sang of Singapore. The marriage will take place some time in October of this year.

His many friends in Shanghai will be glad to learn that Flight-Lieutenant C. E. W. ("Buddy") Foster, Royal Air Force, of H.M.S. "Argus," has received promotion to Squadron-Leader. He will return to England from Hong Kong early this month.

It may interest his friends in Malaya to know that Mr. Pat de Souza is now champion of the Sidcup Tennis Club, Kent. Describing the play of Borotra, Lacoste, Brugnon, and Senorita de Alvarez at Wimbledon last month, Pat says that he felt like burning his racket. However, he has since changed his mind. He considers Borotra's play superb, i.e., Borotra is really in earnest. As for the Spanish lady, he looks upon her as a marvel especially where the half-volley is concerned.

Mrs. E. Biggar, Lieut. C. O. Blundell, Lieut. J. M. Bland, Major E.O.S. Balfour, Colonel R. S. Brook, Dr. A. J. D. Cortes, Mr. H. L. Cleland, Lieut. A. D. Crabbe, Captain I. D. Erskine, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Fischer, Mrs. F. Goldenberg, Captain and Mrs. A. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Laminert, Mr. and Mrs. L. MacLachlan, Mr. and Mrs. D. McRae, Mrs. R. R. Roxburgh, Mrs. G. R. Summers, Dr. P. Scholtz, Mr. P. H. Suckling and Mr. G. H. Turnbull left by the "Empress of Canada" yesterday for Vancouver via ports.

A quiet wedding was solemnised at St. Matthew's Church, Surbiton, on June 21, between Mr. William McMullan, of Singapore, and Dr. Elizabeth Rickard, second daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Rickard, of Mrs. Rickard, of 9, Diction Road, Surbiton. The bride, who wore a gown of apricot georgette, embroidered with lace, was given away by her cousin, Mr. William Sanger, C.B., J.P., and her brother, Flying-Officer Patrick Rickard, R.A.F., related as best man. Dr. Rickard has for several years been in charge of a hospital at Singapore under the auspices of the S.P.G., and she hopes still to be able to give her professional skill to its service.

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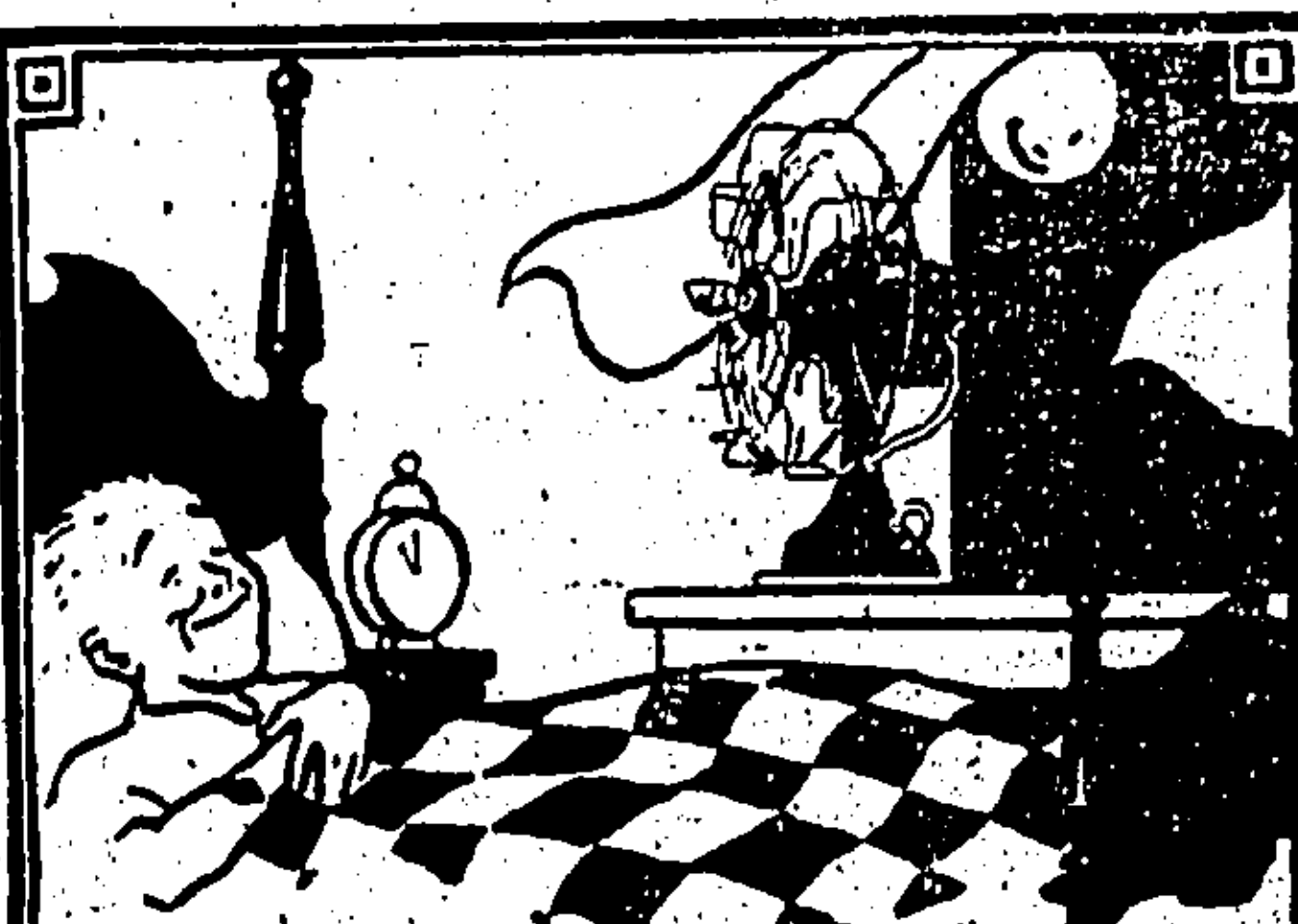
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LEGISLATURE NEEDED.

There is no standard system of scoring for Contract—what seems to me a great pity, writes A. E. Manning Foster. I do not see why the Portland Club should not legislate for it and introduce a code. It could be done without in any way prejudicing the position of Auction. Contract is a separate and distinct game. No one would be obliged to play it. Nor would there be any idea of suggesting it as a rival to Auction.

But, as the game exists and has, I know, a growing number of adherents, why should we not have authoritative laws for it and save it from the Bolsheviks?

Whenever there is no settled code for a game extravagances are bound to creep in, and the tendency at Contract, in the absence of official laws, is to introduce big scoring.

The game is so good in itself that it should be rescued from experimentalists. Only occasionally have I an opportunity of playing Contract, but, when I do, I always enjoy it. I do not want to play it every day, but I think, as a change from Auction, it is excellent.

Graduated Penalties. I invented some years ago a system of scoring which has been adopted in various quarters, and which I think is a slight improvement on the scoring I mentioned. I abolished the bonus for making contract, and introduced a system of graduated penalties for failure in contracts.

(1) No bonus is scored for contract, but 50 above the line is scored for each trick in excess of contract.

(2) If the contract is not gained, Declarer is fined (a) For first trick down, 50 points. (b) For second trick down, 100 points. (c) For third trick down, 200 points; and for each subsequent trick down, 200 points.

(Doubling and re-doubling, of course, double and quadruple these figures.)

(3) Grand Slam 100, Little Slam 50. But, if declared, Grand Slam 500, Little Slam 250.

I believe these amendments have advantages. First of all, I do not see why players should have a bonus for fulfilling their contract if it is not doubled. A contract is a contract, and while a player should rightly be penalized for failing to fulfil it, he should not, in justice, be rewarded beyond the score points for just achieving it.

Spirit of the Game. Graduated penalties are, I consider, most desirable, and in keeping with the spirit of the game. It seems to me that it is the wrong way about to fine a player 100 points for the first trick he is down, and only 50 for the subsequent tricks. You ought to make it expensive for anyone to lose his contract by many tricks. The player who goes down one trick has not committed any gross error of judgment or adopted any wild flag-flying tactics such as call for drastic punishment. He should, therefore, be let off comparatively lightly, and a fine of 50 points (or 100 points when doubled) is sufficient.

But if the contractor goes down three, four, or five tricks, he deserves to pay heavily for his over-bidding. On my system, the player who fails in his contract by two tricks is penalized 150 points. But if he three down he loses 350 points, and so on. Doubled, he will lose twice as much.

Shorter Rubbers. This graduated system of penalties does much to remove the objections to Contract as a Club game. It shortens the rubbers, because the most confirmed flag-flier will hesitate to make a ridiculous call with the prospect of being doubled and losing 1,000 points or more.

Further, the graduated penalties inculcate the necessity of correct valuation of the possibilities of a hand.

I make a concession to the gamblers who lose high figures in the reward sought for Slams which are declared. For ordinary Slams I do not believe in going beyond the score of Auction, viz., 100 for Grand Slam and 50 for Little Slam. A Slam is very often mere weight of cards. Even where it is gained by skill in play, the Auction bonus seems quite insufficient, especially as in Contract the players also score for over-tricks.

Fewer Slams. But a slam declared by players is quite a different matter. There should be some very big inducement to players to declare a slam, and to give a big bonus for successful bidding seems to me to add a pleasantly amusing and sporting element to the game. The occasions when Slams can be called will be few and far between, and the player who, for the sake of an extra bonus bids a Slam when he can be practically certain of only three or four is risking a great deal by his boldness and deserves to be rewarded proportionately if it comes off.

In reply to numerous correspondents, I find I was too optimistic in stating that the new laws of Auction, Bridge, were likely to be ready at the end of July.

LOCAL BASEBALL.

LINE UP FOR SATURDAY'S GAME.

The Japanese line up against the All Chinese on Saturday next is: S. Chichima, p; Y. Hachima, c; M. Hara, 1b; H. Hara, 2b; Tajima, 3b; Honda, ss; Takatori, lf; Kusano, cf; Saito, rf; and substitutes, Hamanaka, Yoshikawa, Ikeda, Kayama, and Koga.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

CHINESE INTER-PORT SHOOT.

On the Bukit Timah Range, Singapore, on July 26, the Chinese Company of the S.V.C. shot in the Chinese Inter-port Shoot and made the low score of 751. L'cpl. Tan Ah-Ling headed the totals with 86. Serg. Lee Kiah-wah being runner-up with one point less. The Chinese Inter-port Shoot is competed for under similar firing conditions as the annual Inter-port Shoot, between Singapore, Shanghai and Hong Kong, the present holders, it is understood, being Shanghai.

The following were the scores recorded in Singapore:

Name	Range	Tl.
L'cpl. Tan Ah-Ling	20	30 85
Serg. Lee Kiah-wah	25	28 81
Serg. Cheng Kang-ngee	23	26 81
Capt. Tan Soo-bin	26	30 24 80
L'cpl. Koon Weng-onn	28	22 29 79
Cpl. Tan Mong-heng	20	26 74
L'cpl. J. P. Tham	15	29 70
L'cpl. Tan Chong-kew	19	24 68
L'cpl. Yeo Kiat-seng	25	20 67
L'cpl. Teo Kek-giang	18	21 65
Totals	225	255 271 751

LOCAL TENNIS.

K.C.C. TEAMS.

The following will represent the K.C.C. on Saturday, at 5 p.m. "B" team v. Nippon Club at King's Park: E. Abraham and K. Hunt, C. H. Atkins and W. Woodward, P. M. Pinget and G. S. Ford.

"C" team v. R.A.O.C. on K.C.C. ground, C. H. Leddra and R. F. Strange, W. Brown and J. S. Smith, Geo. Leg and A. J. Kew.

TENNIS CLUB FLIRTATIONS.

In an article in the Sporting Life recently it was suggested that probably the big advance in the popularity of lawn tennis was due to the fact that as the game was mostly developed in "mixed" clubs it afforded many excellent opportunities for the much older game of flirtation.

A Sunday newspaper has raised the same query, and quotes the case of Cardiff, where the matter has reached an acute stage. Indeed, a number of ungentlemanly men who regard the game—i.e., lawn tennis—as the thing, are threatening to form a club of their own, from which members of the fair sex will be rigorously excluded.

A number of ultra-modern girls threaten the counter-move of forming a "women only" club. There are clubs where the men form a most exclusive "club" and where it is virtually impossible for a woman member to get a man to give her a game.

But surely (comments the Sporting Life) that is all wrong! Woman has now a definite place in the athletic world, and is no longer a rival to be laughed at. If some members of clubs and lawn tennis in flirtation, why not? Tennis is a game, not a penance, and in this connection the men must be as big sinners as the women—who cannot flirt with themselves.

now understand that, owing to the necessity for numerous consultations, it is unlikely that the revised code will be published before September. Until they actually appear, readers are advised to abide by the existing laws, according to the practice of most London and provincial clubs.

It will only tend to confusion if changes are adopted prematurely, as the exact nature of the Portland Club revision is not yet known.

Majority Bidding. It is practically certain that Majority bidding will be adopted, although opinion on that point is by no means unanimous. I understand, in fact, that at one club where majority bidding was tried, it has been decided to abandon it as it tends to make the rubbers considerably longer. However, I have little doubt that Majority bidding will come in. A further likely change is in the scoring of the honours. The American decimal system will be adopted, and chicanes is to be abolished.

There are various other points, one of them concerned with a "No bid" out of turn, in which alteration is likely. The revoke penalty will only be able to take two tricks from his opponents instead of three. In all other respects the present revoke laws will stand, and the American laws on revokes will not be adopted.

ALLEGED BRIBERY.

EX-REVENUE OFFICER CHARGED.

DETECTIVE'S EVIDENCE.

The case in which a Chinese ex-Revenue Officer named Chu Kam is charged on three separate counts of offering sums of \$10 as bribe to Chinese detectives, was resumed before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when after further evidence had been taken, the case was again adjourned until 11.30 on Tuesday morning next.

The bribe was alleged to have been offered by the accused to the police in connection with poplu lottery tickets.

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton was for the defence.

Evidence given by Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, said that after referring to notes in his diary, he found that a report of bribery against the accused was made to him by a Chinese detective named Lau Yat on July 7, and that occasion the detective produced two \$5 bills.

Police Search.

Replying to Mr. Brutton, Mr. King said that he subsequently searched three houses, but did not search the accused's residence on the first floor of No. 21, Stanton Street. The accused's shop was searched. The witness made these searches more with the view of securing evidence to substantiate the bribery charge against the accused than in connection with poplu lottery tickets. The three houses the witness searched were as the result of information given by the detective Lau Yat. Other police officers searched other premises, but this was not from information got from that detective.

The Chinese detective Lau Yat was recalled and closely cross-examined by Mr. Brutton as to his acquaintance with the accused which the witness claimed.

SACCO & VANZETTI.

FURTHER RESPITE EXPECTED.

BOSTON, YESTERDAY.

Sacco and Vanzetti, whose execution was fixed for August 10, have been removed to the death-house of Charlestown State Prison, but the defence is more optimistic than at any time since Governor Fuller and his Committee began the investigation of the historic case of the Italian radicals.

The Committee's report is due to-day. It is believed that the condemned men will be further respited pending the action by the Massachusetts Legislature, leading to a retrial.—Reuter's American Service.

SOVIET OIL.

MAGNATE'S APPEAL TO MR. ROCKEFELLER.

New York, yesterday. Sir Henry Deterding, according to the "Herald Tribune," has sent a letter to Mr. Rockefeller begging him to withdraw from further financial deals with the Soviets. He appeals to Mr. Rockefeller's interest in churches and philanthropic work and points out that the Soviet have destroyed churches, confiscated private property and nationalised industry.—Reuter's American Service.

RUBBER COSTS.

EFFECTS OF BUD GRAFTING.

New York, yesterday. Mr. F. R. Henderson, with a view to correcting a possible wrong impression in the interview telegraphed on July 21 has issued a statement in which he declares that any reduction in the cost of rubber under a bud-grafting system would be unlikely to be effective for at least ten years.—Reuter's American Service.

IN THE NEWS.

ITEMS FROM TO-DAYS POLICE REPORTS.

Suffering from the effects of immersion as the result of falling into the harbour from the Yaumati ferry launch "Man Shun," a Chinese was yesterday afternoon taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

A thief entered No. 46 Caine Road last night and stole money and jewellery worth \$50.

Entering the third floor of No. 40 Lower Macao Row yesterday afternoon through the staircase door which was left unlocked, a thief sneaked unobserved into a cubicle and made a haul of \$80 in notes. He managed to make his escape as mysteriously as his entry into the flat.

A small land slide occurred at Tsunwan yesterday, when a retaining wall behind the Tai Sang distillery collapsed and wrecked part of the storehouse. Damage was done to the extent of \$800.

MR. J. L. MARQUES.

DIES IN KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

The death has taken place at the Kowloon Hospital of Mr. J. L. Marques, assistant purser of the s.s. "Tahshan," who was hurriedly taken to hospital on arrival of the steamer from Macao on Sunday.

Mr. Marques, who was born in Hong Kong, was an old servant of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company, and had been with the "Tahshan" since the boat was launched. He was an obliging and popular official, and news of his death was received with regret by all his comrades on the river run and those among the Portuguese community who were acquainted with his genial personality.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley.

The Anti-Saloon League says that news reports that the league planned to impeach President Coolidge "are ridiculous and false."

BOY HERO.

DEATH OF A LONDON FIREMAN.

"One of the best-loved men in the brigade," was the unanimous opinion of the 50 London firemen and Salvage Corps men who walked beside the coffin of Fireman Aubrey Morgan as it was carried through a heavy snowstorm to the cemetery at Willesden, N.W.

Fireman Morgan, who lived at Harlesden, N.W., and had been five years at the Euston fire station, died from anæmia at the early age of 26. Thirteen of those 26 years were crammed with adventures as a Royal Marine, a policeman, and a fireman. He was the youngest soldier at the renowned defence of Antwerp, in which the Royal Marines took a part, in 1914.

Wounded at 14.

He was then only 14, but he displayed great bravery and was wounded. When his colleagues were ordered to Dunkirk in August 1914 Bugler Morgan was told that he was too young to go, but his entreaties to his commanding officer were so persistent that at last he was allowed to accompany the Royal Marines. An account of his conduct at Antwerp, issued in November 1914, read:

His bravery was marvellous. He ran all over the firing zone, taking every manner of risk and not a whit perturbed by the shells bursting around him. At last a fragment hit him in the leg.

He was nursed in Antwerp by the Belgian Countess Gonsloer, who wrote to the boy's mother, "God bless your dear, brave boy."

A Reply to the King.

At the immortal attack on Zebrugge Morgan, then only 18, again covered himself with glory. When the King inspected the men before they left for their great adventure he remarked that Morgan looked very young.

"But I am 19 and old enough to go," proudly replied the youth. He was brought back the next day, gassed.

One of the most prized possessions was his certificate of service which contained the following inscription: "Participated in battle for award of Victoria Cross granted for operations against Zebrugge and Ostend on the night of 22nd to 23rd April 1918." He left the Royal Marines in 1919 and became a policeman for two years.

AUT VOCES AUT NIHIL.

[Prince Henry requested that at a luncheon on July 13, when he formally opened Lens Cliff Hall, Folkestone, there should be no speeches.]

If you, Sir, could but start a fashion for speechless banqueting, and balk

All politicians with a passion For giving off unwanted talk, And teach a too loquacious nation The art of eating public food Without the usual oration, Prince, you would earn our gratitude.

Our feasts are full of futile chatter, And where the well-baked meats abound, Some heavy man who does not matter, Plants his large feet upon the ground.

And in a voice made hoarse with mutton, Discourses on the public weal, For which we do not care a button, Having come, there to get a meal.

And you, who suffer, past endurance, This unrestricted waste of breath— Think how we welcome the assurance That you, like us, are bored to death.

That when for dining or for luncheon, You face, as oft, our public cheer, The steady sound of strong men munching Is all you care to hear!

—Algal in "Evening News."

LONDON EXCHANGES.

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.05
New York	4.85%
Brussels	34.92
Amsterdam	12.11%
Genev.	25.21
MHan	89.25
Berlin	20.41
Stockholm	18.13
Copenhagen	18.14
Oslo	18.80
Vienna	34.50
Prague	163%
Helsingfors	192.70
Madrid	28.56
Lisbon	2 7/16
Athens	371
Bucharest	795
Rio	5 27/32
Buenos Aires	47 25/32
Bombay	1/8%
Shanghai	2 5/8%
Hong Kong	2/9
Yokohama	1 11/32 64
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TO-DAYS QUOTATIONS.

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Bank on demand 1/11 13/16
Bank 30 days' sight 1/11 13/16
Bank 4 months' sight 2/-
Credits 4 months' sight 2/- 13/16
Documentary 4 months' sight 2/- 15/16

On Paris—
On demand 1230
Credits, 4 months' sight 1305

On Berlin—
On demand Nom.

On New York—
On demand 48 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 49 1/2

On Bombay—
Wire 133

On Calcutta—
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On Singapore—
On demand 85 1/2

On Manila—
On demand 97

On Shanghai—
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30 day's sight (private paper) 25 1/2

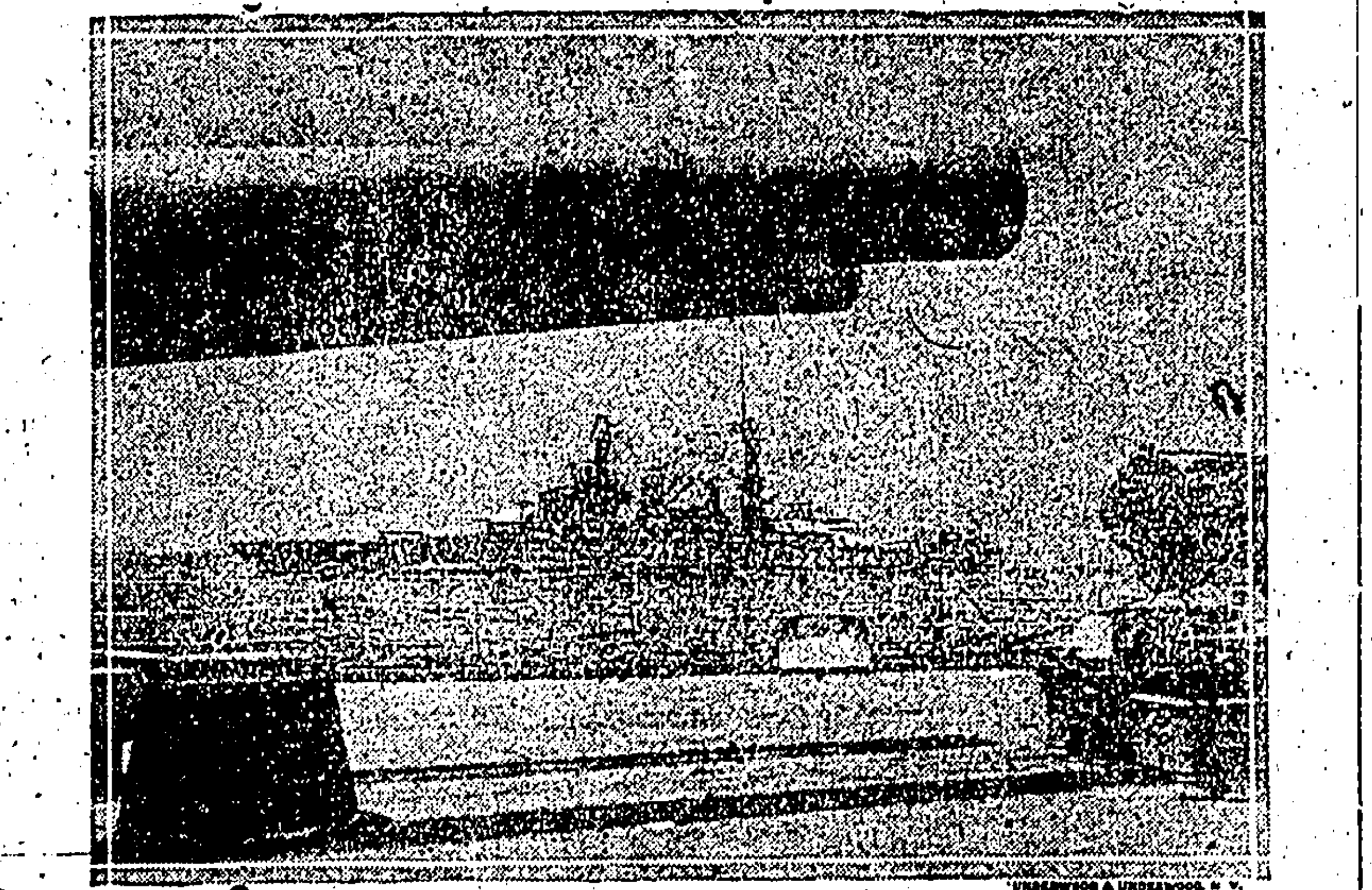
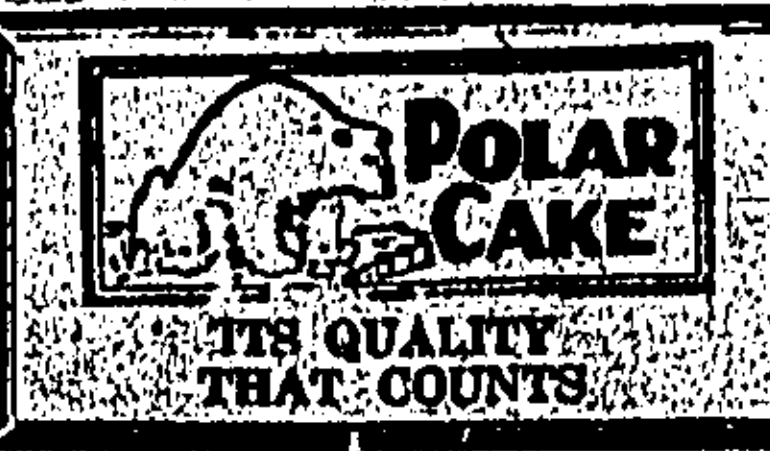
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Rate of Native Interest 7 1/2 p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin 28 1/4 dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin par

THE SHARE MARKET.

Stock	Hong Kong Stock Exchange
T.T. on London	1/11 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	78 1/2
Banks	
Hongkong Bank	\$1080 ss
do. Lon. Reg.	\$113 1/2 sd.
Chartered Bank	\$20 n
Mercantile A. & B.	\$22 n
do. C.	\$13 1/2 n
P. & O. Bank	\$29 1/2 n
East Asia	\$68 n
Marine Insurance	
Canton Insurance	\$20 a
China Underwriters	\$0 cts. n
North China Insurance	\$143 n
Union Insurance	\$29 b
Yangtze Insurance	\$34 M. n
Fire Insurance	
China Fire Insurance	\$210 b
H.K. Fire Insurance	\$600 n
Shipping	
Douglases	\$32 n
H.K. Steamships	\$22 n
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	\$110 n
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	\$30 n
do. (Ord.)	\$46 n
Shell Transport	\$2/- n
Star Ferries	\$23 1/2 b \$52 1/2 s
Water-bots	\$10.00 b
Refineries	
China Sugars	\$18 s
Malayan Sugars	\$32 s
Mining	
Benguet	\$170 b
Kailan Mining Ad.	\$45/- b
Langkats (Combined)	\$10 n
do. (Single)	\$9 n
Shanghai Exploration	\$234 n
Shanghai Loans	\$4 n
Bonds	
Troms Mines	\$19/8 n
Ural Caspian	\$5/- n
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$112 b \$113 1/2 s
H.K. & W. Docks	\$38 n
New Engineering	\$147 n
Shanghai Docks	\$91 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$6.90 n
Hongkong Lands	\$55.35 b \$53.40 s
Hongkong Realty	\$6 s
H.K. Territorials	\$1 1/4 n
Humphreys Estates	\$12 1/2 n
Prince's Building	\$89 n
Rural Lands	\$1 1/4 n
Cotton Mills	
Ewo Cottons	\$7.95 n
Oriental	\$11 1/2 n
Shat Cottons (Old)	\$71 n
do. (new)	\$25 1/2 n
Buses, Trams, &c.	
China Buses	\$7 n
H.K. Tramways	\$20 1/2 n
Peak Trams (old)	\$15 n
do. (new)	\$8 n
Singapore Trams	\$11/- n
Taxis	\$1 n
Miscellaneous	
H.K. Amusements	\$20 b
Canton Ice	\$5 n
Cements (comb.)	\$7 s
do. (old)	\$6.90 n
do. (new)	\$1 n
China Lights (comb.)	\$12.00 b 13 1/4 s
do. (old)	\$9 1/2 n
do. (new)	\$7 n
China Prov.	\$4 n
R.K. Construction	\$40 n
Dairy Farms	\$15 n
Der. A. Wings	\$6 n
H.K. Electric	\$61 1/2 b \$61 s
Macao Electric	\$37 n
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$10 n
do. (new)	\$5 n
Laue, Crawford	\$10 1/2 n
Mackintosh	\$10 1/2 n
Sinceres	\$8 1/2 n
United Asbestos	\$20 n
Watsons	\$11 1/4 n
Wm. Powell	\$8 n
H.K. Telephones	\$9.70 n
Nanyang Tobacco	\$ n



The Blues have scored defending New England against the Black Fleet's attack. Forty thousand imaginary casualties were sustained by both sides, but the "slain" ones are alive and happy again now that the "war" is over. The whole thing goes to prove that the United States is secure against enemy attacks. Photo shows the giant 16-inch guns of the West Virginia in the foreground and the U.S.S. "Maryland" manoeuvring for the attack off Newport, R.I.

NICARAGUA.

FEDERALS AND REBELS AGAIN.

Nogales, Arizona, yesterday. Fighting is reported in the States of Jalisco and Metaco, in the course of which it is said 60 Federal soldiers were killed when the Federal force were repulsing 300 rebels.—Reuter's American Service.

DIED OF HEART FAILURE.

The Hague, yesterday. Mr. De Groot, chief technical expert of the Dutch East Indies Telegraphs, died suddenly of heart failure in the Red Sea. He was en route to attend the Washington-Telegraphic Conference.—Reuter.

K.C.C. MEETING.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club will be held at the Club House, on Thursday, August 11, at 5.30 p.m. to discuss the present tenure of the Club house and ground, and the proposed new extension of the existing club house.

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ASKED FOR JAIL.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, a hawker was charged with obstruction in Queen's Road East by placing his stall on the footpath. He pleaded "guilty" and although he was on bail he asked his Worship to send him to prison as he had no money to pay a fine. His bail, he explained, was raised through borrowing \$3 from a friend and \$1 from a Chinese constable who had taken pity on him. He

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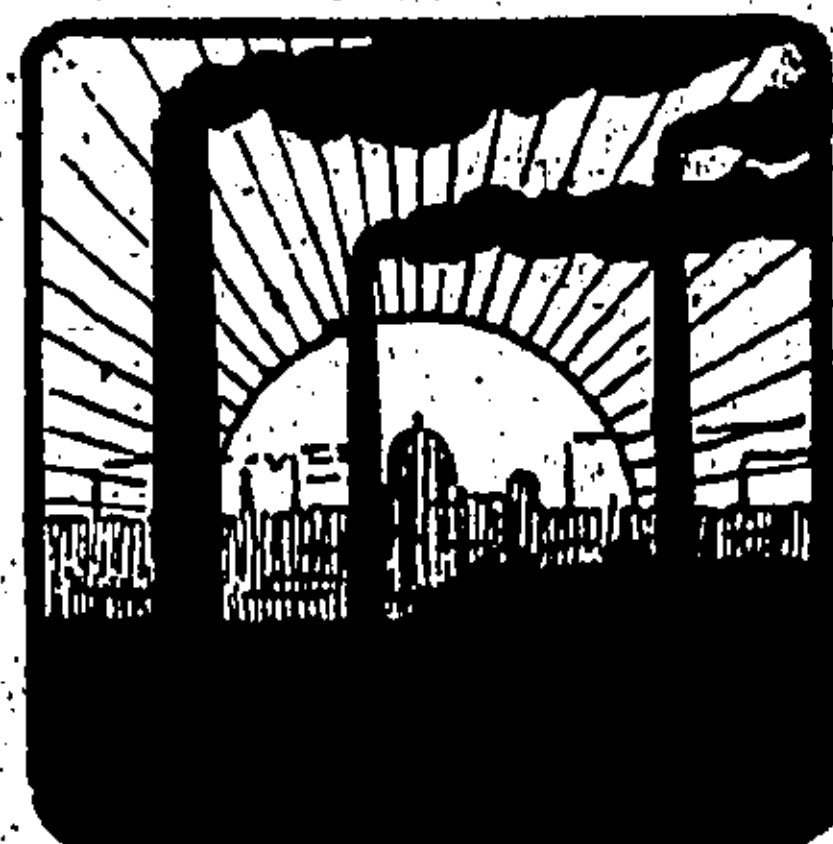
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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

25 YEARS AGO.

SOME PIONEERS AND REFORMERS.

Every seven years, the physiologists tell us, the cells in the human body die and are replaced. We become, as an Irishman might put it, the same—only different. Can twice or three times that period make a corresponding change in a nation? If we sought an answer we might be helped to it by a perusal of "This Generation" by Mr. Thomas Cox Meech, the first volume of which has just been published (12s. 6d.) by Chatto and Windus. An admirable survey it is, and gives the opportunity not only of seeing ourselves as others see us, but as posterity will regard us.

What were people thinking about and talking about in the first days of what a cynic of 1800 called "the opening years of this so-called twentieth century"? In politics they were "thinking Imperially," to quote the phrase of Joseph Chamberlain, then the national hero. Socially, although it was then the last gasp of the Victorian era, people were, it seems to us looking back, amazingly Early Victorian.

Smoking Up the Chimney. One or two women, it was darkly hinted, were smokers. But smoking was done only at the two extreme ends of the social scale: the gipsy woman with her clay pipe at the ditch-side and the smart society beauty, with her scented cigarette between her white and jewelled fingers. The society ladies did themselves the grace to be ashamed of their debauchery, holding their horrid organs in the seclusion of their boudoirs, as Early Victorian statesmen did at Windsor Castle, puffing the noxious cigar in their bedrooms, kneeling before the fireplace to allow the loathsome fumes to escape up the chimney. Emancipated woman to-day smokes in private and in public.

There were no pillion-girls in those old and happy days, only a few brave "pioneers" in straw sailor hats, leg of mutton sleeves, and bloomers, exciting the wrath of the multitude, and the impolite comments of vulgar little boys. Can one easily believe that they were of the same race as the modern and shingled Diana, with a cigarette between her lip-sticked lips, lolling at the wheel of her super-sports model, and scattering pedestrians into their two now proverbial classes, the quick and the dead?

Week-Enders Rebuked.

The week-end habit was then so new that it provoked the grave Parliamentary protest of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who solemnly declared that this habit had begun to dominate not only the Smart Set, but those who would like to be thought to belong to smart society, and he added that in many households the blinds were drawn down by the occupants from Saturday till Monday, to give the impression that they were members of the fashionable set. To-day, even those below the rank of a stockbroker take their week-end at Brighton or Boulogne without the least fear of a reproach from Mr. Stanley Baldwin, rusticated at Chequers, with his much-loved and much-photographed pipe of peace.

Time's whirligig is a confusing thing. In the first five years of this century, Sir Henry Irving was still alive, the head and front of the British theatre, and Miss Ellen Terry, his brilliant partner in so many triumphs, was celebrating her half-century on the stage.

Labour in Cap and Bowler. There were no taxis in the opening days of the century, no tubes as we now know them, beneath streaming London's central roar, no Territorials, no real aeroplanes, no Old-Age Pensions and no dote, and practically no Labour Party, unless Keir Hardie in a cloth cap, and Mr. John Burns in a bowler hat, straying among the top-hatted

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BOSWELL.

CURIOUS AND RESTLESS MIND.

Here are nearly four hundred letters, of which about a hundred have never before appeared in print, written between 1758 and 1791. They are addressed to persons of every age and either sex, written in every variety of style and frame of mind, varying from the most uproarious high spirits to the gloomiest depths of despair; and through them all shines the curious, restless, experiencing and unexpected mind of James Boswell. He lived in a milieu ideally suited to bring out and accentuate his humanity in the best sense of that word. In the eighteenth century a man in his position could—of course, he did—come to know everybody who was worth knowing. The Literary Club, the club par excellence, to which he belonged, contained a brilliant constellation of stars, surely unequalled before or since in any country. Boswell knew them all and wrote letters to many of them. The very names of his correspondents are a guarantee that his letters will be interesting. No man can correspond with Samuel Johnson, J. J. Rousseau, John Wilkes, the Pitts, Horace Walpole, Oliver Goldsmith, and a host of others without being interesting unless he is a very dull dog indeed. And Boswell was anything but that.

Of the greatest friendship of all there is little need to speak at this time of day. "I gaze after him with an eager eye; and I hope again to be with him!" The only point which is here worth emphasizing, because it is so plain in the letters, is the greatness of the affection which impelled a man like Boswell to go through the sheer physical toil necessary to write the "Life" at all. "A man may write at any time if he will set himself doggedly to it," said the oracle; but even Anthony Trollope, the only man who ever seriously acted on this advice, might have found the task beyond him had he been in Boswell's shoes. "You cannot imagine," Temple is told, "what labour, what perplexity, what vexation, I have endured in arranging a prodigious multiplicity of materials, in supplying omissions, in searching for papers buried in different masses—and all this besides the exertion of composing and publishing. Many a time have I thought of giving it up." Happily for English literature he struggled on "in friendship's name."—T. B. Simpson in "The Fortnightly Review."

gentlemen of England, could be so regarded. That remote day, though only five-and-twenty years ago, seems nearer to the stage-coach age of Mr. Pickwick than to the hustle and bustle of this age of set on yet out.

The Churchill Tradition. Many people still regard Mr. Winston Churchill, by comparison with the older statesmen like Lords Balfour and Oxford, as a young man in a hurry, an untamed and untameable enfant terrible of politics. He was, however, a conspicuous figure in the first Parliament of the century, ex-soldier, ex-journalist, ex-war-correspondent, and a Rupert of Debate in the great and ringing battle of Tariff Reform. Lord Birkenhead was still politically in the waning of Time, and so was Mr. Stanley Baldwin. When this Parliament met, even Bonar Law was unknown, for on his first speech Mr. Balfour was observed to look up Dod's Parliamentary Companion, presumably to find out who he was. Mr. Churchill's youth, it would seem, is his oldest tradition.

Mr. Churchill has had stirring times in and out of Parliament. It was at him that his subsequent colleague, Mr. Ronald McNeill, threw a book across the table of the house, Mr. Cox Meech pleasantly points out that by a happy coincidence the book was a manual of rules and advice for the observance of good order in Parliamentary proceedings!—"Nesta Ryall in T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly."

ON READING.

ADVICE TO A YOUNG LADY.

Reading our best poets is better than all lessons. . . . Read only such books as have long been scaled with the universal approval of the public and whose reputation is established. They are few but you will gain much more from reading those few than from all the feeble little works with which we are inundated. . . . Observe how naturally Madame de Sevigne and other ladies write, and compare their style with the confused phrases of our minor romancers—I cite writers of your own sex because I am sure you can, all will, resemble them. . . . You will notice that our good writers—Fenelon, Bossuet, Racine, Despreux—always use the right word. One gets oneself accustomed to talk well by constantly reading those who have written well; it becomes a habit to express our thoughts simply and nobly without an effort. It is not in the nature of a study; it is no trouble to read what is good, and to read that only; our own pleasure and taste are our only masters.—Voltaire's Letters.

BITS FROM BOOKS.

UNTIDY.

Babs was looking round the room. It was the sitting room, and Babs herself was not a conspicuously tidy person, but Vera! Shoes, scarves, hats, lay everywhere. On the sofa was a brown paper parcel with a laundry note pinned to it, and trailing across it was a blue ribbon with a champagne cork tied to the end of it, as if Vera had been playing with a kitten. A box of powder had been spilt and trodden into the worn carpet, instead of being swept up again. From the mantel-piece half the contents of a vanity bag had been spilled into the fender, and the edge of the shot itself resembled the black keyboard of a pianoforte with the cigarettes that it had been left burning there. It was the same in the next room, which was Vera's bedroom. Orange peel lay on a plate by the side of the bed, and the dispersed pages of an evening paper strewn the floor. On the dressing-table was a plate, with a chop bone on it, for Vera seemed to dress and to take her meals in either room indifferently, walking about and dropping things as she went. The little hall where she had groped for the box of matches was in reality the kitchen. The crazy little bathroom had no light at all, if one might judge from the candle end in the enameled stick that stood on the chair by the side of the cracked bath.—Oliver Onions.—"Cut Flowers" (Chapman & Hall.)

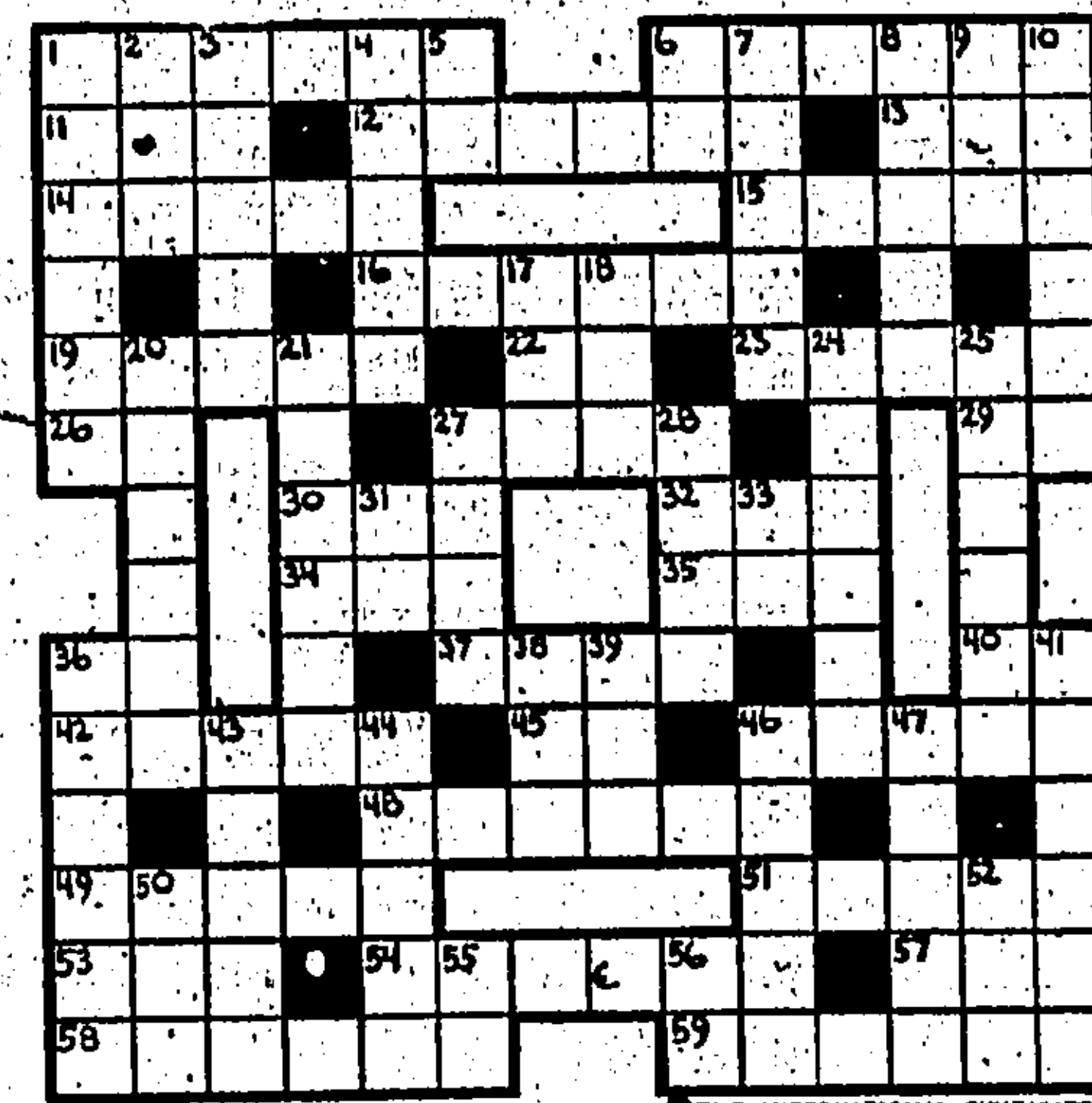
"Pre-War."

Her fourth floor room, whose pleasing proportions were discounted by the clash of crude colour and design run mad that had chance to be in favour when her lean purse permitted the extravagance of renovations. The long, low walls ran in uneven stripes of black and hot orange, broken by sinuous traceries of a green that never was on land or sea. There were but three pictures—bizarre cubic castles, expressed in splashes and spasmodic angles, the whole illumined by an immense Chinese lantern of many colours.

In lucid moments, Alison Owen frankly despised herself for thus doing violence to her own saner standpoint, from sheer cowardly dread of being dubbed a "back number" and losing her desperate clutch upon the flying skirts of youth. Had she genuinely caught these measles and mumps of Progressive art it were another matter, but in secret she far preferred the mumps and measles of an earlier decade. She was fatally "pre-war," and she was doing her adaptable best to conceal the fact that she could not honestly appreciate these pictures without perspective, these verses without rhyme (and often without reason) this crazy punctuation and discarding of capitals that were the hall-

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

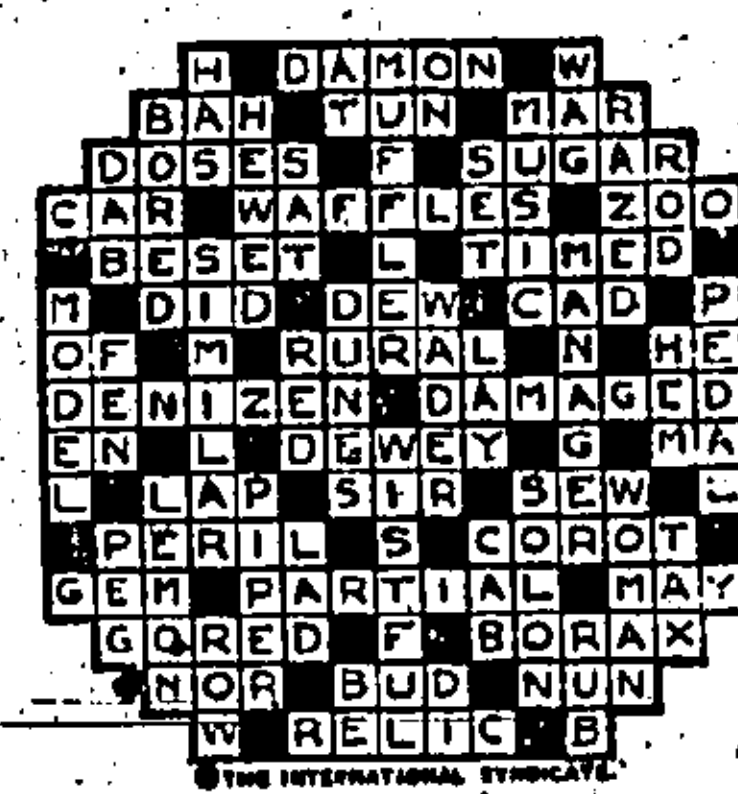
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-What great seaport is in B. E. China? | 42-Ancient harps | 9-To spoli |
| 6-To skip | 43-Borrow | 10-Stripped off the skin of |
| 11-A wing | 44-A pair of units (pl.) | 17-The June bug |
| 12-Maker of earthenware | 45-Manipulate | 18-Possessive pronoun |
| 13-No (Scott.) | 46-What country in Asia is at civil war? | 20-What lands are in Scotland? |
| 14-A whiny | 51-A border made to enclose a thing | 21-One's entire property |
| 15-What British officer was hanged as a spy in the American Revolution? | 52-Even (contr.) | 24-What country is W. of Sweden? |
| 16-What is a primitive American called? | 53-Same as "tally" | 25-Joined together |
| 19-What is a puzzling question called? | 57-What sylvan deity played on the pipes? | 27-Large pitcher |
| 22-Part of Elbia (abbr.) | 58-Want of rain | 28-Report; rumor |
| 23-To follow | 59-A pal | 31-Conjunction |
| 25-Time-period (abbr.) | VERTICAL | 32-N. can. State of U. S. (abbr.) |
| 27-Formerly | 1-Suspended covering over a bed | 33-Arrange |
| 29-N. can. State of U. S. (abbr.) | 2-A drink | 34-Possessive pronoun |
| 30-Coarse hemp fiber | 3-Fastens with a nail | 35-A sea-fish |
| 32-Atmosphere | 4-What land was Solomon's source of gold and gems? | 41-To rise |
| 34-Exist | 5-Negative | 43-What is the popular abbr. for "rhinoceros"? |
| 35-Legal science | 6-A compass point (abbr.) | 44-Part of a column |
| 36-One of the churches (abbr.) | 7-Holding-machine | 46-To delay |
| 37-To away | 8-What great river is in W. Tibet and N. W. India? | 47-Caping |
| 38-L. h. (abbr.) | | 50-Possessive pronoun |
| | | 52-Human and |
| | | 55-Interrogative |
| | | 56-Preposition |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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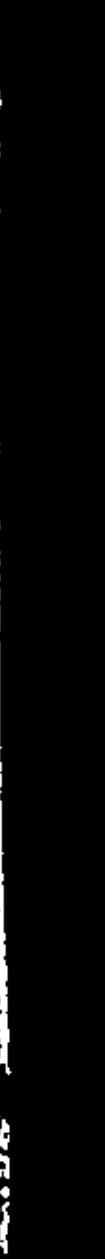
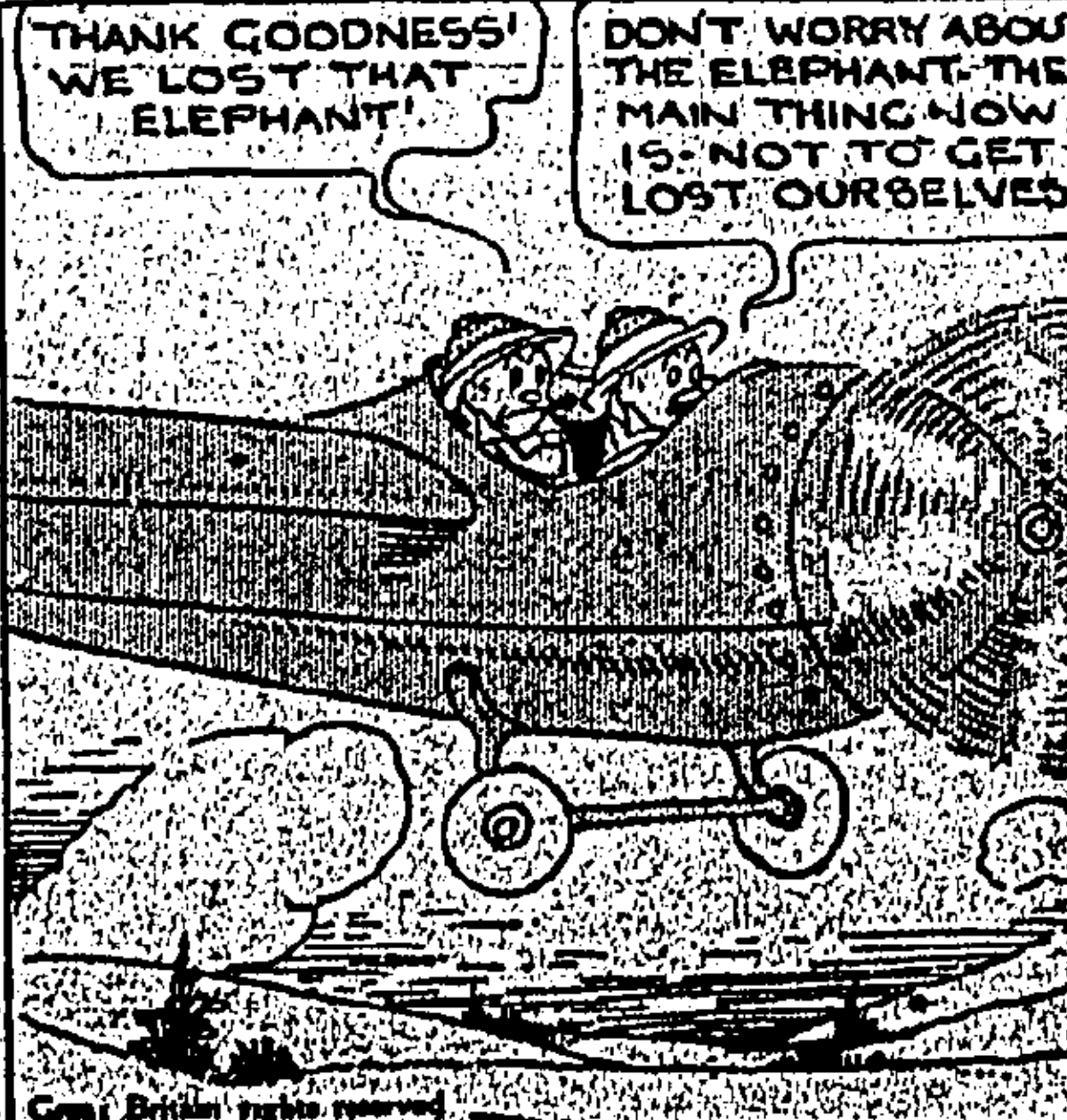
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Radio Conference.

Arrangements are being made
for a world conference of radio
enthusiasts to be held at Can-
berra in 1931.Miss Marianne Fisher, South
Australia's oldest colonist, who
recently celebrated her 100th
birthday, has died.The Norwegian steamer
"Proteus" became disabled while
en route from Port Kembla to
Thio (New Caledonia), and was
taken in tow by the "Crosskeys,"
and is being towed to Brisbane.

Student's Suicide.

At a Bradford inquest on
Edward H. M. P. Oliver, aged
22, chemistry student, of Kill-
hall Road, it was stated he had
been studying for an examination
and was very nervous, and a note for
his mother stating he had poison-
ed himself and warning her not
to touch the glass.Defalcations totalling £1,000
were said to be involved in the
case of Dorothy Grace Dobbs, a
Sunday school teacher, of 40,
Slad Road, Stroud, who was sen-
tenced there to nine months in
the second division for falsifying
registers belonging to the State
section of the Stroud Holloway
Original Benefit Society.

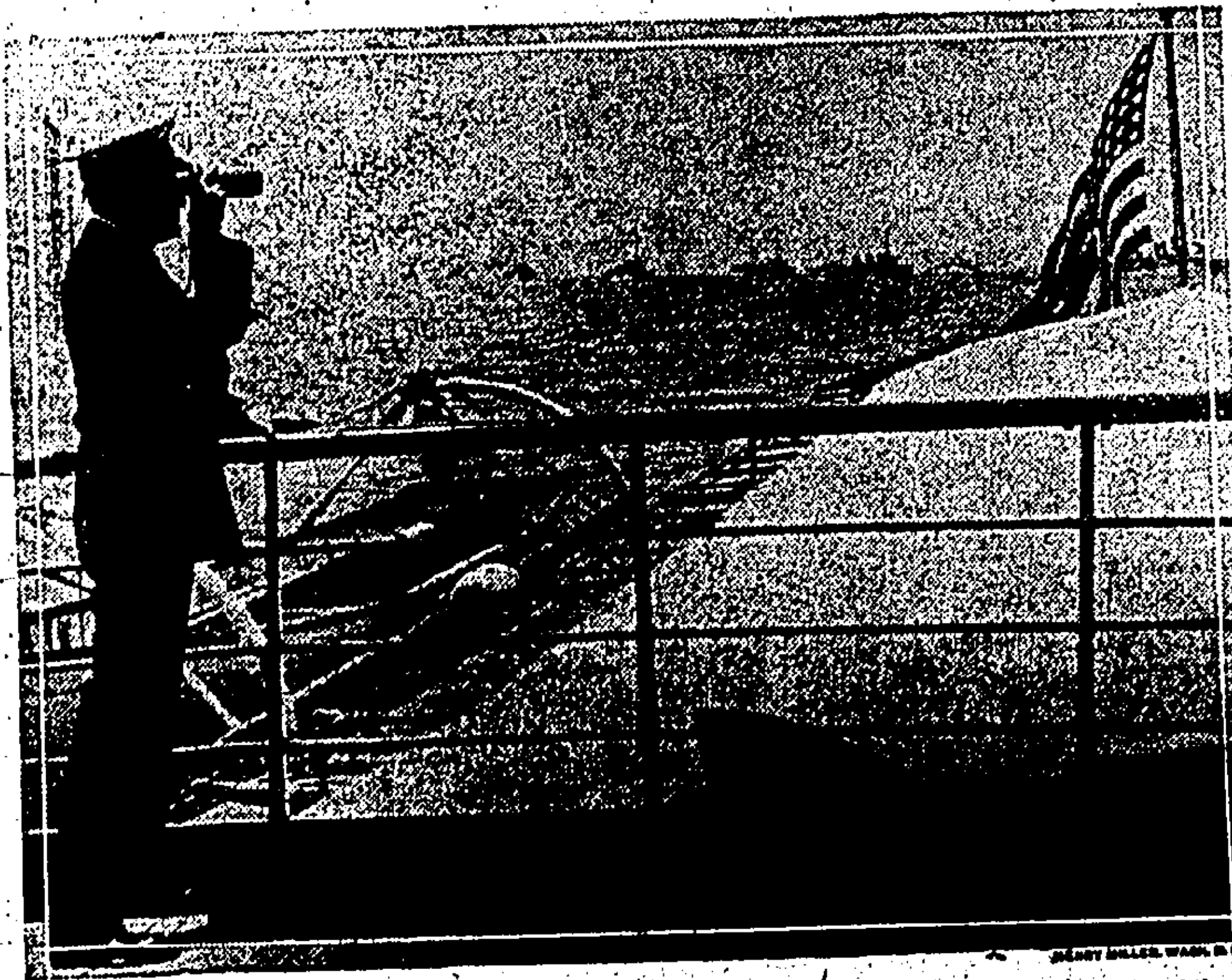
Burns Memorial.

A scheme to erect a Robert
Burns Memorial Hall at the
Federal capital is being put for-
ward by the Canberra Highland
Society and Burns Club.It is proposed by the Citizens'
Committee, which arranged the
decorations in Adelaide during
the Royal visit, and which has a
surplus of about £1,400 in hand,
to inaugurate in that city a
"Princess Elizabeth Children's
Playground," the City Council
being requested to provide a site
and undertake the responsibility
of upkeep.

Roads Scheme.

On behalf of New South Wales,
the Premier (Mr. Lang) has
signed an agreement with the
Federal Ministry, committing the
State to participation in the
Federal Aids Roads scheme. All
the States have now approved of
the proposal.The legislative powers of the
Commonwealth Government in
the control of wireless were called
in question before the Royal
Commission on wireless, it being
contended that any Act must be
considered in connection with the
agreements of the International
Conventions on Patent Law.

Aeroplane Ambulance.

Leaving Le Bourget aerodrome,
near Paris, at 9 o'clock in the
morning, Mr. William Spreckle-
ton, who has been a patient of the
British Hospital in Paris, was in
bed in a London hospital before
noon. This is the first time an
aeroplane has been used for
ordinary ambulance purposes on
the Paris-London airway.On a charge of murdering
Constable Straughan, aged 33, of
Durham County Police, by shoot-
ing him with a sporting gun,
Edward Lloyd, aged 31, unem-
ployed miner, was remanded at
Southwick, Sunderland.Awakened by the crackling of
flames, which were quickly gain-
ing a hold on their weatherboard
home at Alfredton, near Ballarat,
a man, two women, and five
children made a timely escape in
their night attire.The interstate steamer "Koo-
rings," with the tug "Koori"
in tow, arrived at Sydney. The dis-
tance travelled was 2,466 miles,
and the time occupied by the
journey was 17 days. The
"Koori" will be employed on gen-
eral work on Sydney Harbour.

President Coolidge on the deck of his yacht, the "Mayflower," watching the 98 ships of the Atlantic Fleet, led by the U.S.S. "Seattle," pass in review before him. The President viewed the major portion of the review through his binoculars. As each ship passed the "Mayflower," a salute was fired.

Life.

At the London Hospital Lord
Bearsted opened a new clinical
theatre which cost £10,000 and
was the gift of his father, the
late Lord Bearsted. Prizes were
distributed to students by Lord
Eustace Percy, M.P., President
of the Board of Education, who
said: The years of life between
5 and 14 are the most important
for the prevention of disease and
disability and for the saving of
health in later life.Mr. Frank Gray, a former
M.P. for Oxford, was presented
at a complimentary luncheon in
London with a silver replica of
the British-made motor-car in
which he crossed Africa from
Lagos on the West Coast to
Massowa on the Red Sea.The President of the Swiss
Confederation, M. Motta, declared
in the National Council that
Switzerland would not recognise
as the *de jure* Soviet Government
one which had not severed its
personal and political connec-
tion with the Third (Communist)
International.

Japanese Dances.

A number of theatrical and
music-hall artists took part in a
performance at the Carlton
Theatre, Haymarket, W., in aid of
Lady Barrington's Village Home
for Disabled ex-Service men.
Great interest was aroused by
Raden Mas Jodjana, a Japanese
dancer, who made his first ap-
pearance in England. He is a
prince of his native land, and
the dances he gave have long been
taught to the princes of Java,
but never to the common people.
Excerpts from "Lady Luck" were
given by the principal artistes.It is announced that the inter-
national exhibition at Sydney to
synchronise with the opening of
the harbour bridge in 1931 is al-
most certain to be held.

GOOD FOR THE WHOLE

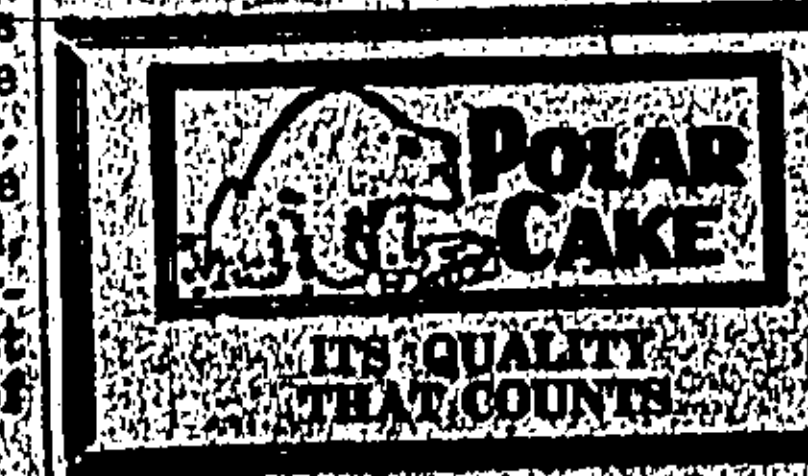
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41 large graduated pearls of fine
Orient, with circular brilliant
pavé clasp, was sold for £20,000
at Messrs. Christie's. The owner-
ship description given in the
catalogue was, "The property of
a lady." Among record prices
obtained for pearls since the war
may be mentioned instances at
Messrs. Christie's in 1919, when
a necklace of 56 graduated pearls,
divided by seed pearls, realised
£21,700, while a pearl rope of 151
well-matched pearls sold for
£33,200.Canberra, up to the present has
cost Australia over £7,800,000.
This financial year has been the
peak one, as far as expenditure,
the total already being over
£2,214,000.Judge Atherley-Jones at the
Old Bailey passed sentence of
three years' penal servitude on
Ocell Stuart Collyer, 59, secre-
tary, for forging and uttering
share certificates, the property of
the Canada Company, of Bedford
Row, W.C.SAKLATVALA OF BATTER-
SEA.Of Mr. Saklatvala, the Com-
munist Parsee who sits for North
Battersea, a hitherto unpublished
story is worth recording in view
of his violent attack in the House
of Commons on British rule in
India.The occasion was an annual
conference of the Communist
Party in Glasgow a year or two
ago when among the resolutions
submitted was one which con-
demned in the most violent terms
the oppression of the native races
by the "never-to-be-sufficiently-
vilified British Government," and
expressed the Communists' undy-
ing friendship for coloured sub-
ject races.Unfortunately, the mover's
most rhetorical periods were
spoiled by loud snoring from Mr.
Saklatvala, who was a delegate
asleep in the body of the hall,
and the proceedings were inter-
rupted until this coloured subject
was awakened to the extent of
his oppression.

A "GOING" CONCERN.

STORY THAT CLOSED WHEN
"PREMISES FELL DOWN.""I lost money from the day I
took it over," a witness told Mr.
Justice Avey and a special jury
in the King's Bench Division, Lon-
don, in describing his purchase of
a carter's business at Bermondsey,
S.E."I found that the rent was in
arrear," he continued, "there was
a bill of sale on the property, one
of the alleged customers went
bankrupt, and the others were
useless."
"The horses were 'duds' and I sold
them to make catstam. The carts
were no good and were disposed of
for firewood."
"To crown it all the premises fell
down.""INVENTOR OF THE
AUTOMOBILE"Vienna is soon to receive a
new monument, which is to re-
mind its population and the
world at large of Siegfried Mar-
cus, the inventor of the autom-
obile. The monument is to be
placed in the centre of the city,
close to the Polytechnic.Marcus was born in Septem-
ber, 1831, at Mecklenburg, and
died in July, 1898, after a life of
work and disappointment. He
started his career as assistant to
an important electric firm in
Berlin. In 1860 he came to
Vienna, and in 1864 he construct-
ed his first benzine automobile,
but the police prohibited the driv-
ing of the vehicle in the streets.
In spite of this, Marcus, with his
friend Curjel, undertook a run at
the dead of night, which ended in
utter failure. The new car refused
to proceed, and had to be laid
up. It is still to be seen at the
Technical Museum, and is to be
exhibited for a fee to help in
defraying the cost of the monu-
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INWARD MAILS.

From	THURSDAY, AUGUST	For
Europe Via Suez (letters & parcels, London, 7th July, & parcels, 30th June)	4	Devanha.
Shanghai & Europe Via Siberia	5	Kashgar.
U.S.A. Canada, Japan & Shanghai	7	President Jackson.
Straits	8	Kutsang.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	8	Emp. of Russia.
Manila	9	President Pierce.
Wednesday, August	9	Changte.
Australia & Manila	22	Emp. of Russia.
Manila	22	Emp. of Russia.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	THURSDAY, AUGUST	Per	Time
Samshui & Wuchow	4	Tai Hing	4.30 p.m.
Hai Phong	5	Mingsang	5 p.m.
Shanghai & Japan	5	Takushima Maru	9.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe Via Siberia	5	Devanha	8.30 a.m.
Sandakan	5	Hinsang	1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	5	Hai Ning	2 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Hai Phong	5	Hanoi	5 p.m.
Shanghai	5	Ydensang	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 4th Sept. K.P.O.—Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (6th Aug.) 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. G.P.O.—Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	6	Kashgar.	9.30 a.m.
Manila	6	Radwor	9.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcel noon. Letters 1 p.m.	6	Hosang.	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe Via Siberia	7	Glangary	5 p.m.
Amoy & Foochow	7	Hai Hong	5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	7	Kotsu Maru	9 a.m.
Manila	8	President Jackson.	4.30 p.m.
Tuesday, August	9	President Pierce.	4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 10th September. K.P.O.—Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O.—Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	9	Machon.	3.30 p.m.
Manila	9	Empress of Russia.	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. (25th August) & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 3 p.m.—Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	9	President Pierce.	4.30 p.m.

*Correspondence-bearing vessel's name only.

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PRES. COOLIDGE.

Views on Retirement Statement.

EFFECT ON RIVALS.

Whole Presidential Plans Changed.

New York, yesterday. President Coolidge's announcement that he does not intend to stand for the presidency in 1928 has changed the whole outlook of the presidential campaign.

Mr. Coolidge did not consult his friends and advisers. His entourage declare that the announcement effectively removed Mr. Coolidge from the presidential race, but the majority of the newspapers are of the opinion that the pronouncement is a carefully-calculated attempt to sidetrack his Republican rivals and lay the ghost of a third term tradition.

It is argued that Mr. Coolidge will be in a strong position if he is compelled by the general wish of the country to accept nomination for a third term against his apparent wish and intention.

Republicans in New York State, with a few exceptions, were thunderstruck at the pronouncement. Though some are in the closest touch with the President, none had the slightest inkling that the bombshell was to be thrown into the political arena.

Ex-Senator N. M. Butler, chairman of the Republican National Committee, who is now in New York, said: "I am not convinced he will not run if nominated."

Mr. Charles Hilles, vice-chairman of the Committee, said: "I think he intends this to be final."

Mr. N. M. Butler, President of Columbia University, said: "He has shown that principle takes precedence over personal ambition."

The agricultural strongholds of the middle-west generally approve the decision as Pres. Coolidge's vetoing of the farm relief bill is not forgotten. The immediate effect in the middle-west has been a tremendous boom in the stock of Mr. F. O. Lowden, ex-Governor of Illinois, the farmers' champion, who is a probable candidate for the presidency.

General Dawes, Vice-President, said: "Mr. Coolidge's decision will be received with regret by millions of his countrymen." The Democratic Senator Walsh, said he frankly did not understand the statement.

Senator Shipstead (farmer-labour) of Minnesota, exclaimed: "Cal came and saw and sensed the revolt of the west."

Newspaper comment is equally diverse, mingling approval and regret with some expression of the belief of a "catch somewhere."

The whole position is well summarised by the Democrat "Philadelphia record," which says that "the most laconic man in America has issued the most cryptic announcement that has ever emanated from presidential headquarters."—Reuter's American Service.

Mr. Hoover's Views.

New York, yesterday. Mr. Hoover, who is a possible candidate for the Presidency, declares that he regrets the suggestion contained in Pres. Coolidge's statement, but still believes that Mr. Coolidge should be re-nominated and re-elected.

Stock Exchange Crisis.

New York, yesterday. A sharp break in stocks precipitating a crisis on the Stock Exchange was Wall Street's initial response to Pres. Coolidge's announcement. Trading was unusually heavy, many blocks of 5,000 to 10,000 shares being traded. The initial losses in popular issues varied from one to 8 1/2 points.—Reuter's American Service.

Decision Causes Sensation.

New York, yesterday. President Coolidge's unexpected announcement that he has no intention to seek re-election of the Presidency has caused an immense sensation throughout the United States.

The declaration was made on the fourth anniversary of the day he was sworn in as President. The President met the correspondents in his office in the local

BRITISH BOYS.

Rich and Poor Meet at Holiday Camp.

FOSTERING COMRADESHIP.

Duke Of York Spends Day With Youngsters.

Rugby, yesterday. The Duke of York has just completed a visit to his camp at New Romney, on the coast of Kent, where, as in the past few years, the boys from Eton, Harrow and other public schools make holiday with working boys. There are 400 boys this year at



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the camp, the object of which is to bring together in comradeship boys of different interests and environment so that they may know something of each others' viewpoint.

The Duke on his visit entered thoroughly into the fun of the aquatic sports which had been organised. He himself entered the sea and swam about for some time with a crowd of boys playing an impromptu game of polo.—British Wireless Service.

schoolhouse and said: "Are you all here?" whereupon the secretary locked the door.

President Coolidge held six slips of paper folded, and gave one to each correspondent, as he passed, containing his decision.

His action is incomprehensible, as Republican friends have assured him that he could be re-nominated and certainly re-elected.

It is known that the apparent collapse of the Geneva Conference has deeply disappointed him.

Not Regarded as Final.

Rapid City, yesterday: Supporters of President Coolidge refuse to regard his Presidency statement as final; and it is pointed out that it does not close the door of his nomination as Republican candidate should the convention elect him.—Reuter's American Service.

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FLIGHT TO INDIA.

Third British Attempt Fails.

CRASH IN DANUBE.

Conflicting Reports of Airmen's Safety.

Rugby, yesterday.

A third attempt has been made to make a non-stop flight to India. Yesterday shortly after mid-day, the flight began from Cranwell Aerodrome in a Hawker Horsley day bomber with a 700 horsepower Rolls Royce engine.

The pilot, as on the two previous attempts, was Lieutenant Carr and the navigator was Flying Officer Dearth. The machine was reported as having passed over the Belgian coast before three o'clock yesterday, but this morning news was received that the machine had been compelled to come down on the Danube near Aschach, in upper Austria. Both navigator and pilot were shaken, but unhurt.—British Wireless Service.

Dearth Injured?

Vienna, yesterday.

It is stated that Dearth is seriously injured, but Carr only slightly. The Air Ministry, however, says it has received a telegram from Carr stating that the crew were shaken but not badly hurt.—Reuter.

Flight Kept Secret.

The fact that Carr had actually started on another Air Force non-stop flight to India had been kept very secret from the British public.

The most recent intimation of the Air Ministry's intentions was published on July 29 and stated that the flight would probably be early in September when there would be trouble with the monsoon.

Hence Vienna's telegram today announcing a crash in the Danube to a British military machine, with two officers who left England at noon yesterday for India, was most surprising.

The telegram added that one officer was severely and the other slightly injured, and both were conveyed to Aschach near Linz.

The crash is attributed to overheating of the engine. The machine lies in the Danube badly damaged.

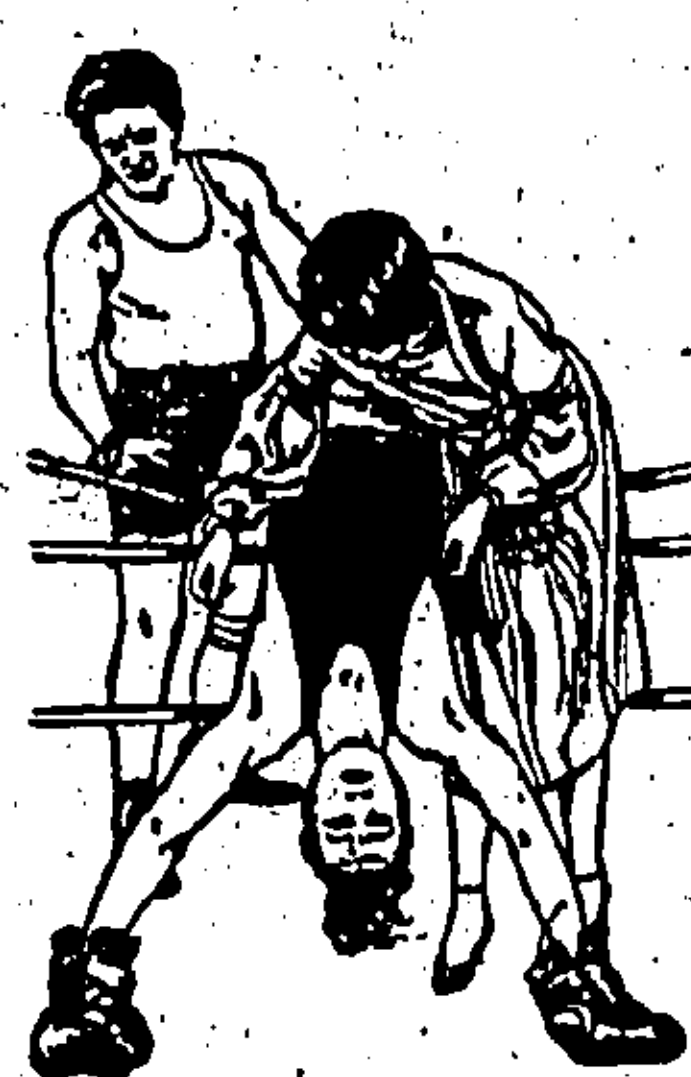
Enquiry at the Air Ministry confirmed the news of the start of Carr, this time accompanied by Flying Officer E. C. Dearth. They left Cranwell Aerodrome yesterday afternoon in a Hawker-Horsley machine.—Reuter.

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